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SONIC



LIVE!



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IT'S
SO REAL
YOU'LL THINK YOU'RE
PART OF THE ADVENTURE!!!
**THE
LAST GAME
CARTRIDGE
HERO!**

The logo for the Sonic Live! tour, featuring the word "SONIC" in a large, stylized font with a metallic texture, and "LIVE!" in a smaller, yellow, outlined font below it.

On the planet **Mobius**, a war is being waged between the ultimate forces of good and evil. Motivated by an intense desire to reshape the land and its people to his distinctive vision, **Doctor Robotnik** will stop at nothing to attain his dreams of global domination. Fighting to prevent the evil genius from carrying out his sick, twisted schemes is the legendary **Sonic The Hedgehog**, swiftest and slickest of them all.

While in many ways the tale is unique, in others it is as old as time. For, as Sonic has learned during his many adventures, there exist **other realities** in different dimensions and zones. Some are disturbingly similar, with events and combatants rearranged only because some action or decision varied from the reality Sonic knows. Others are wildly different, with little similarities or connections. Some realities are the result of their placement in time, and others due to location in physical space.

Until now, Sonic has only experienced other dimensions very similar to the one he currently exists on. Fate, however, has a way of stepping in and asserting itself, as Sonic's world is about to collide...

...with worlds beyond!

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COME OUT! COME OUT,

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG

WHEREVER YOU ARE!

COME OUT AND
FIGHT ME
MAN-BOT TO
HEDGEHOG!

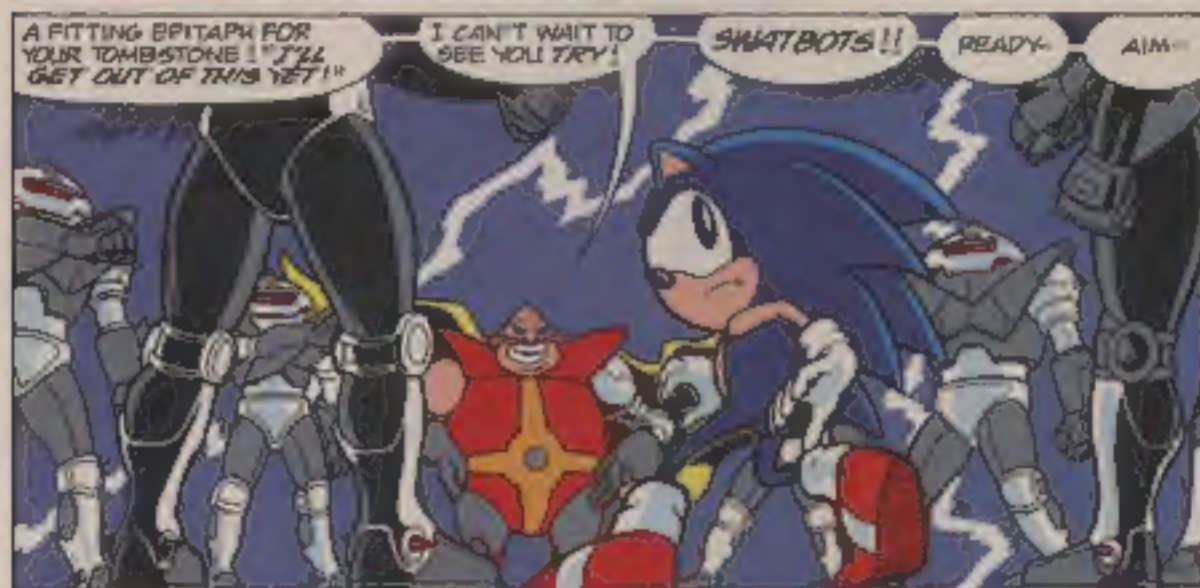
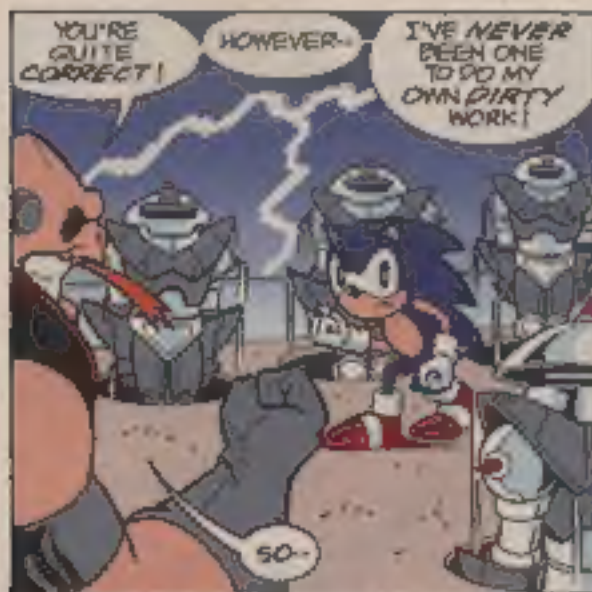
KRA-KOOOOOM!

THIS IS IT, YOU BLASTED
NURSANCE! YOU AND I
WILL HAVE IT OUT FOR
THE LAST TIME!

THIS ONE'S
FOR ALL THE
NUTS AND
BOLTS!

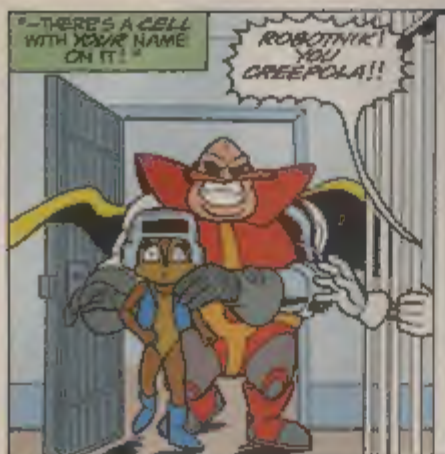
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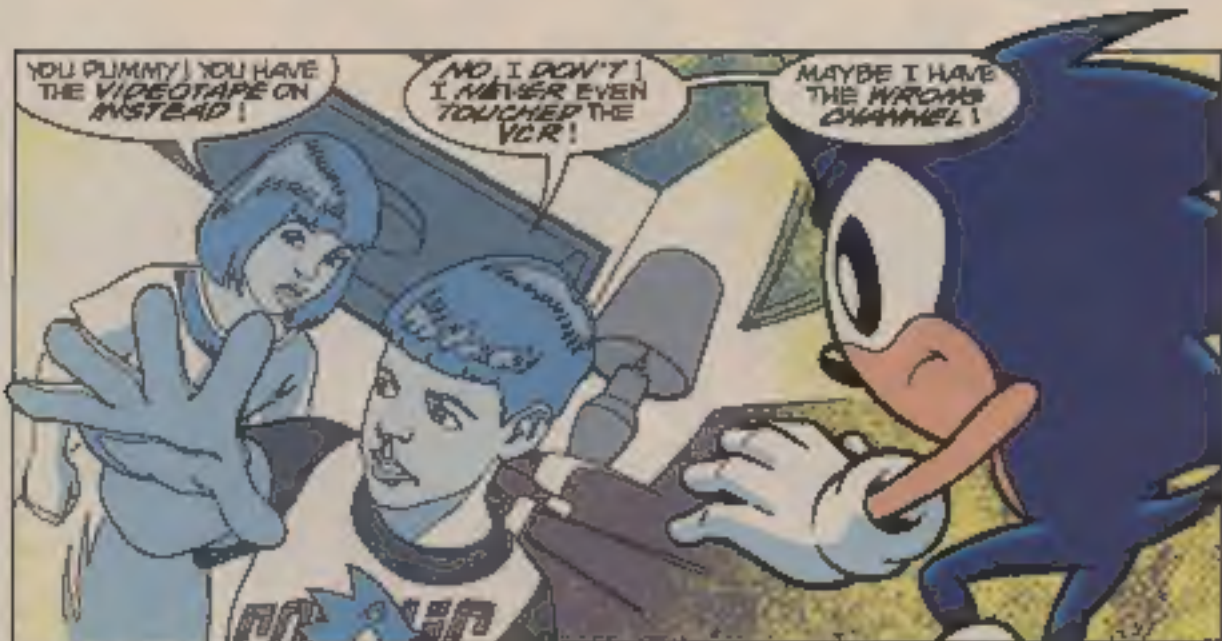




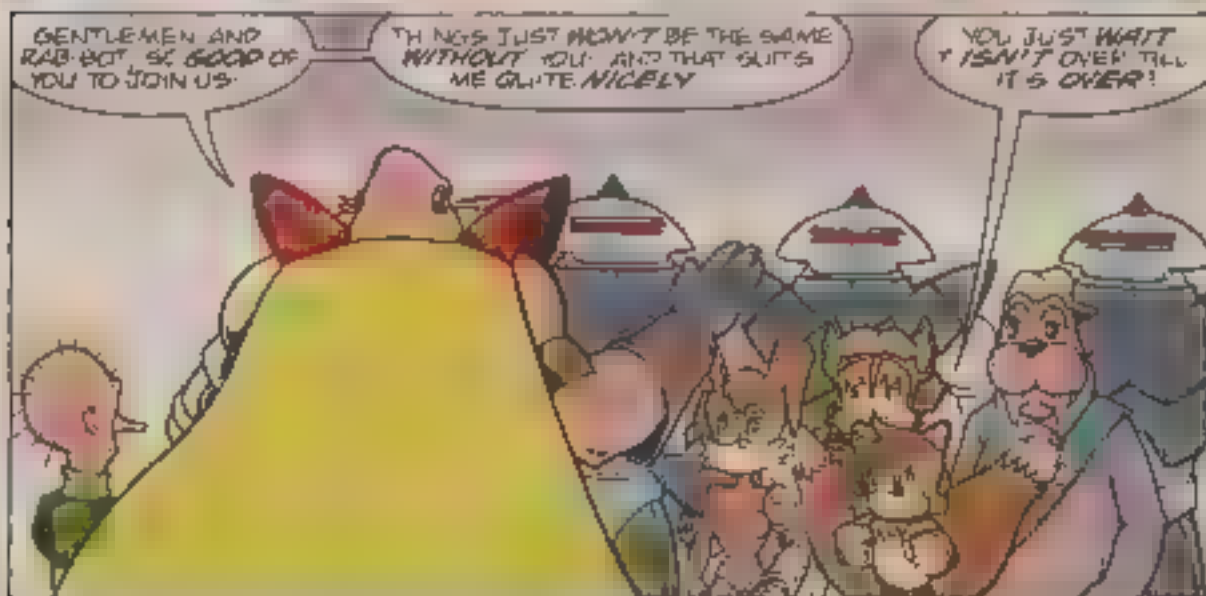


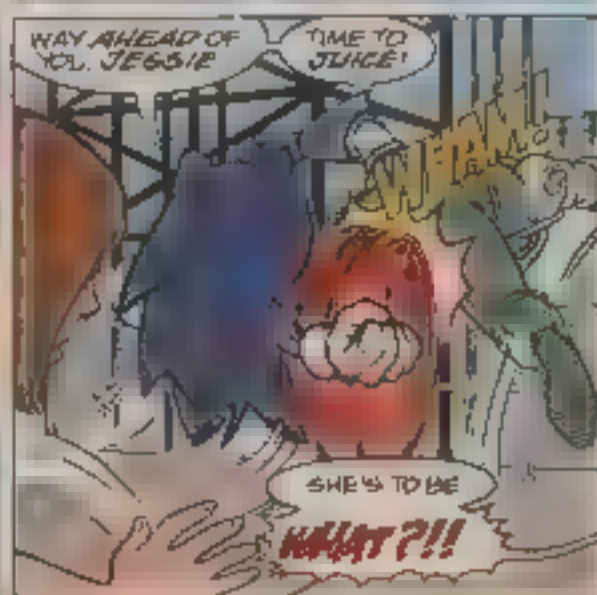
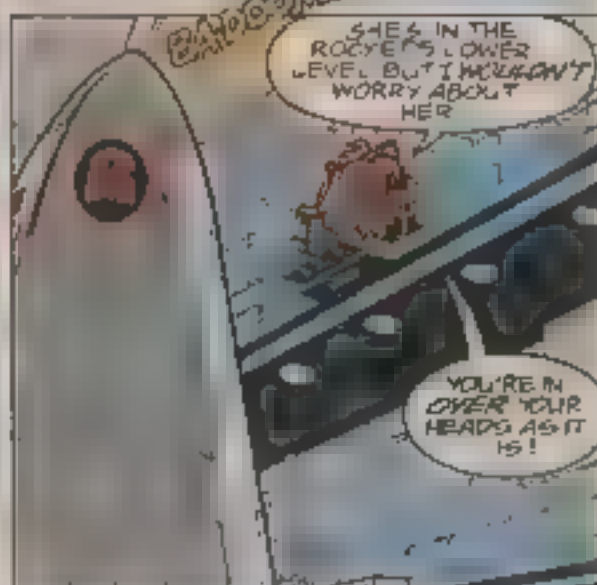
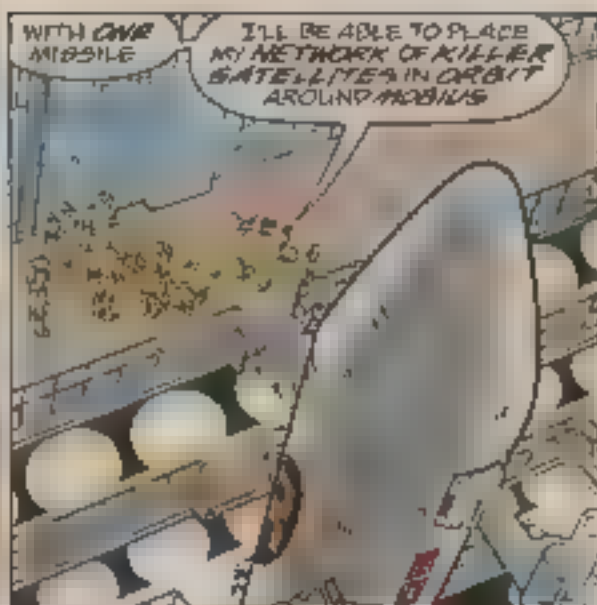


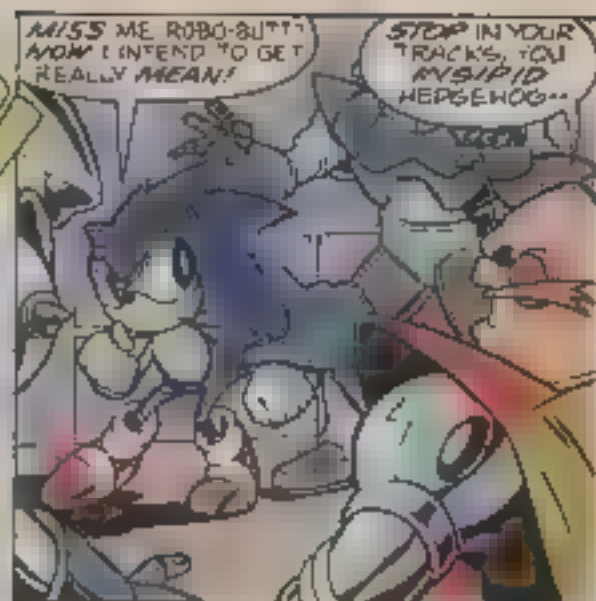












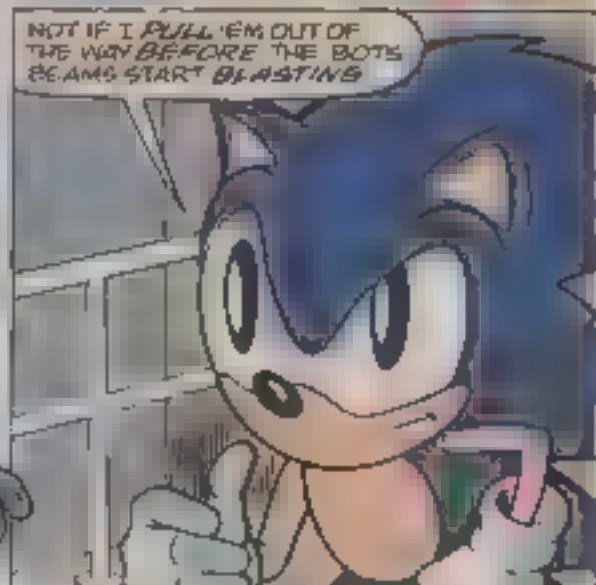
MISS ME ROBO-BUTT?
NOW I INTEND TO GET
REALLY MEAN!

STOP IN YOUR
TRACKS, YOU
KYSIDID
HERSEHOG--

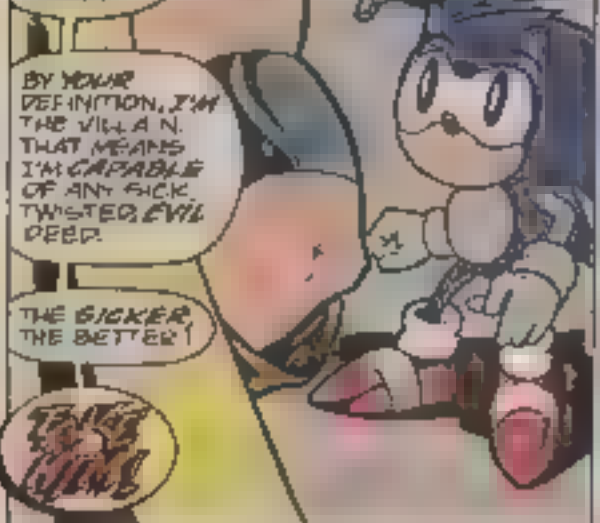
--OR MY SWATBOTS WILL PREPARE
TODAY'S BLUE PLATE SPECIAL BY
FRICASSEING YOUR FRIENDS



NOT IF I PULL 'EM OUT OF
THE WAY BEFORE THE BOTS
BEAMS START BLASTING



THINK YOU
COULD?

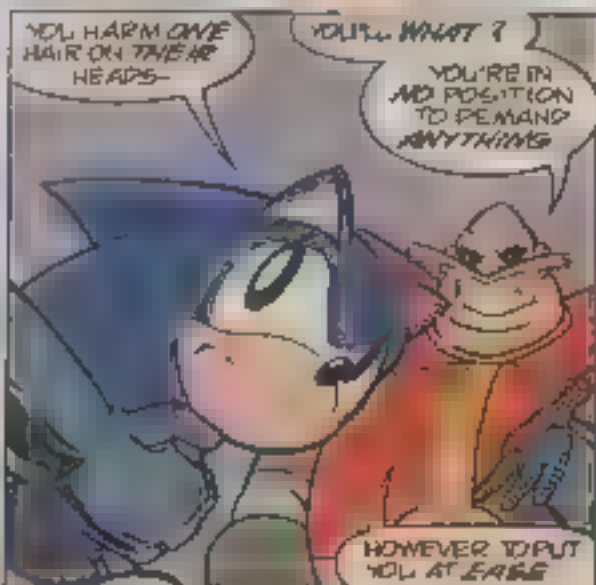


BY YOUR
DEFINITION, I'M
THE VILLAIN.
THAT MEANS
I'M CAPABLE
OF ANY SICK,
TWISTED, EVIL
DEED.

THE SICKER,
THE BETTER!

**TAKE
HIM**

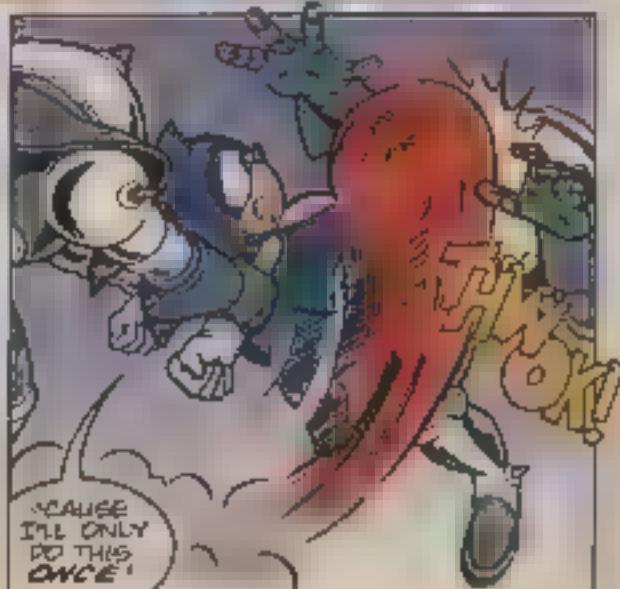
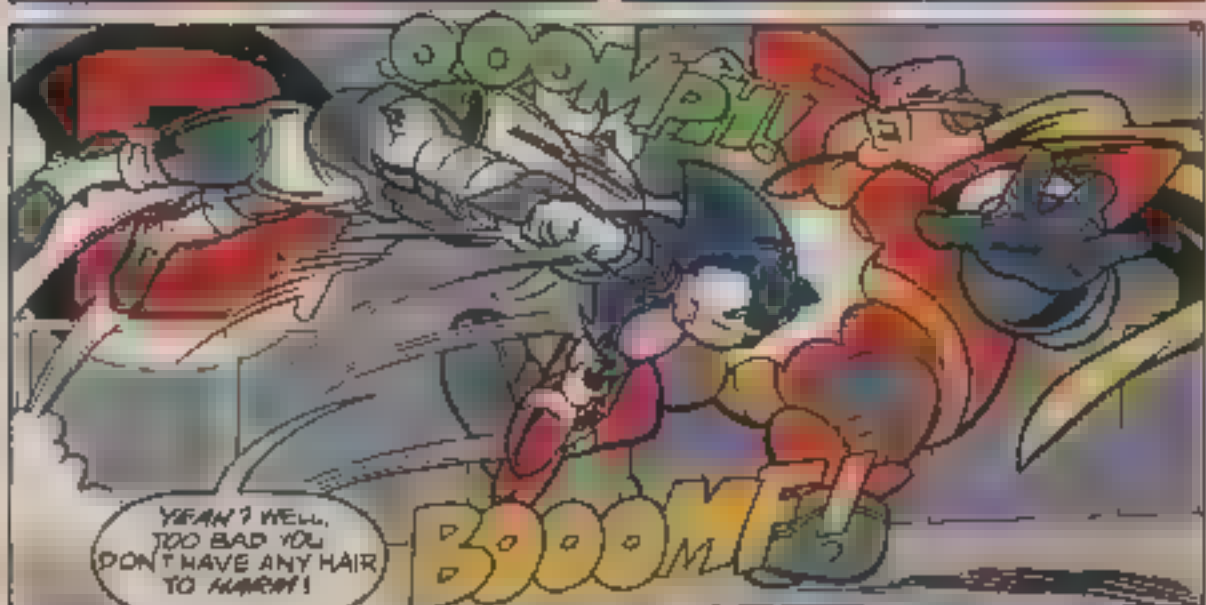
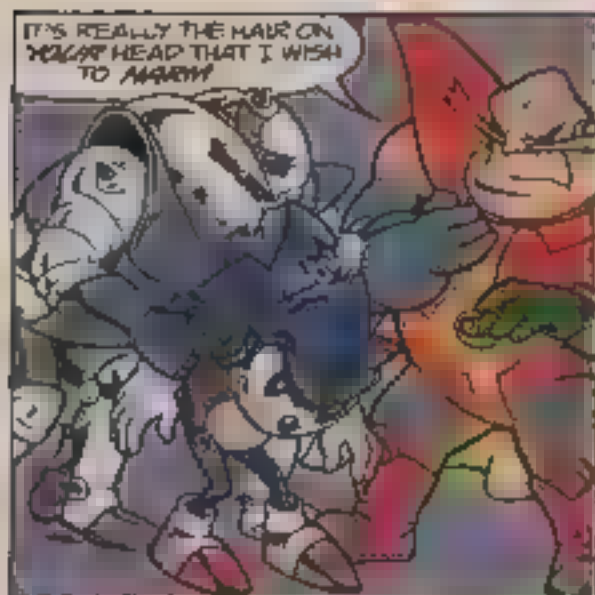
YOU HARM ONE
HAIR ON THEIR
HEADS--

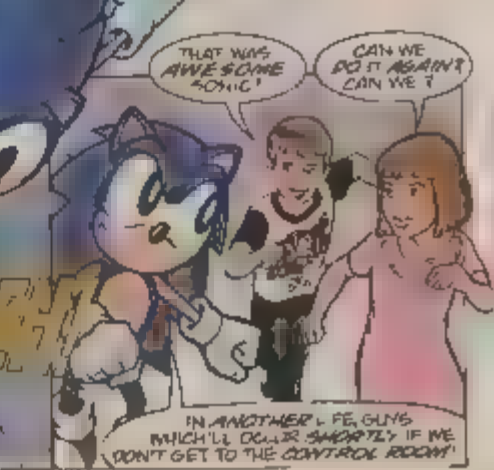
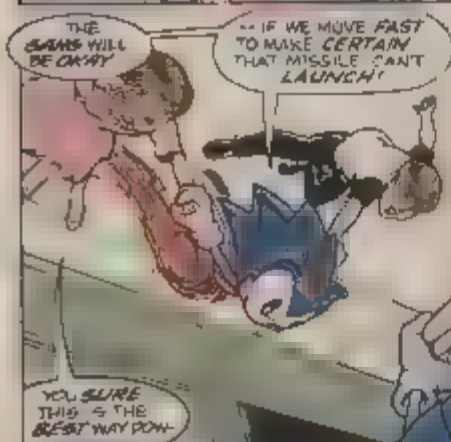
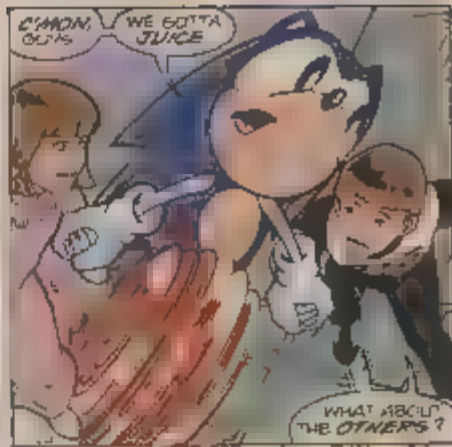
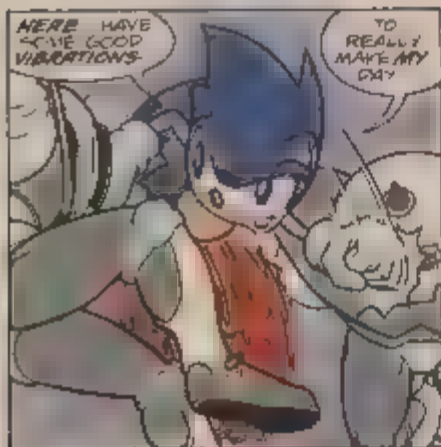


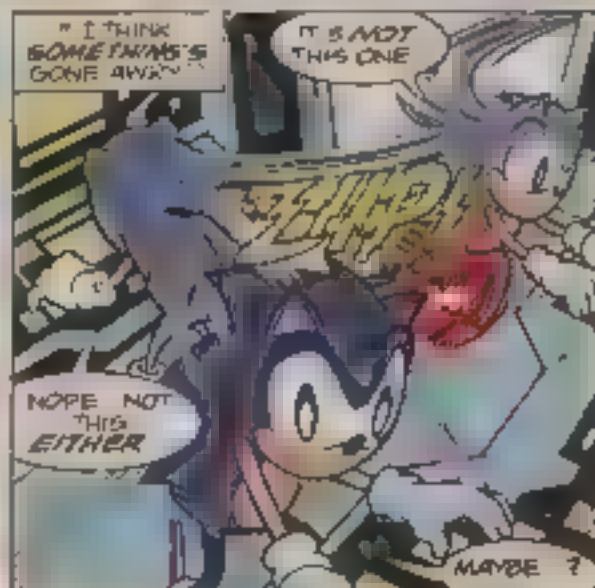
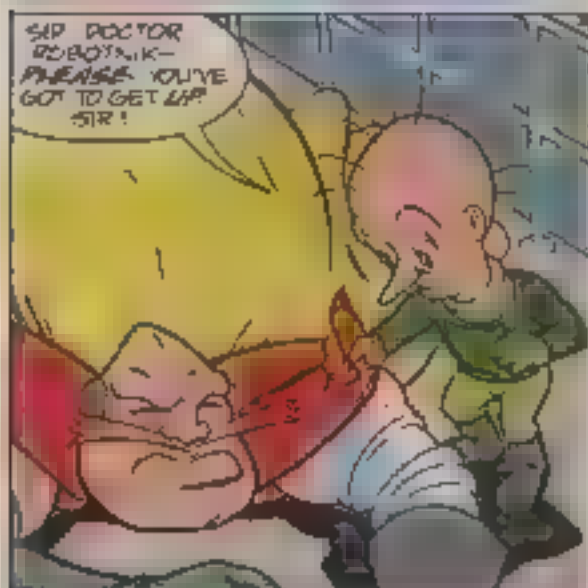
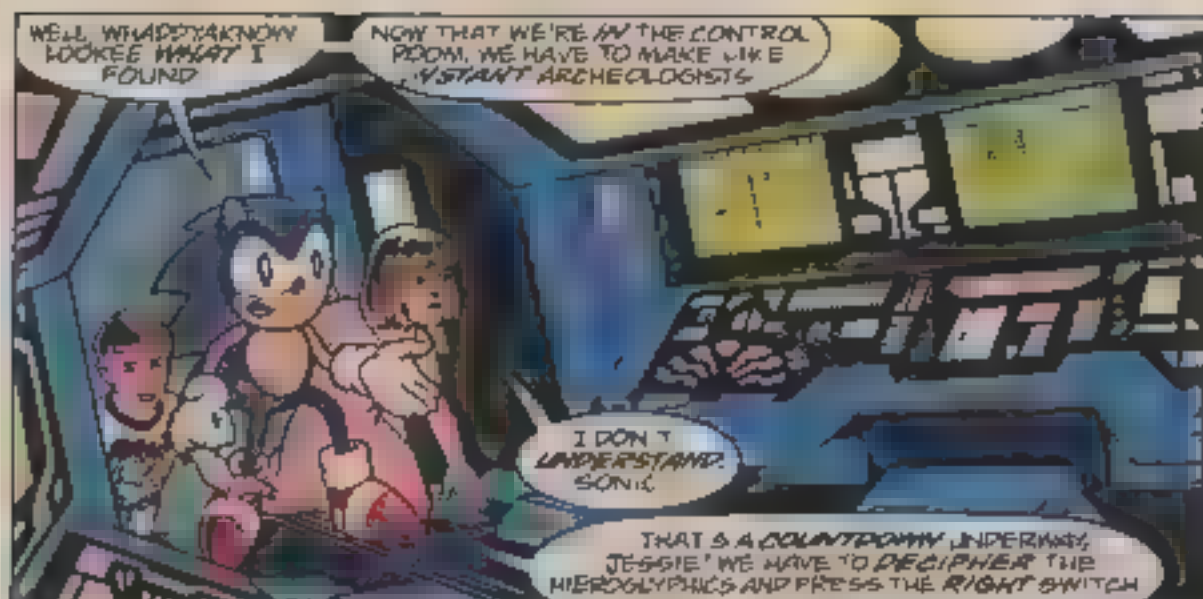
YOU'LL WHAT?

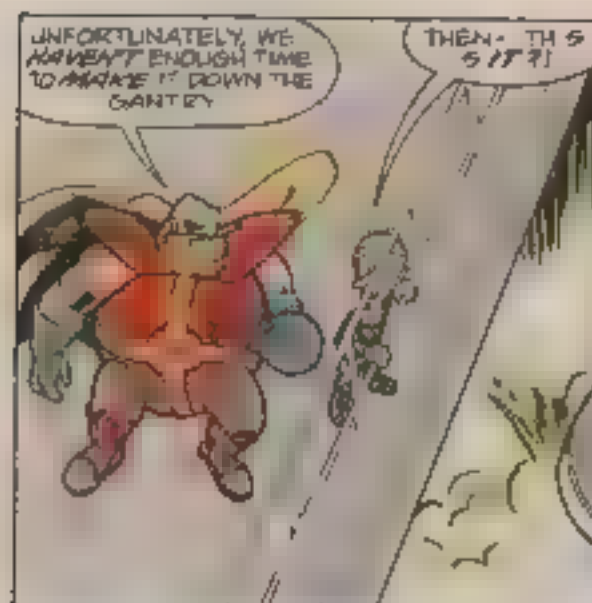
YOU'RE IN
NO POSITION
TO DEMAND
ANYTHING

HOWEVER TO PUT
YOU AT EASE



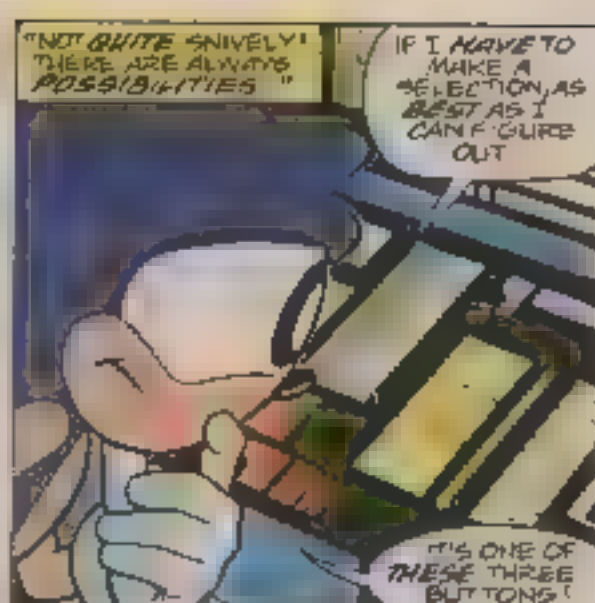






UNFORTUNATELY, WE
HAVEN'T ENOUGH TIME
TO MAKE IT DOWN THE
GANTRY

THEN... TH'S
S IT?



"NOT QUITE SNIVELY"
THERE ARE ALWAYS
POSSIBILITIES "

IF I HAVE TO
MAKE A
SELECTION, AS
BEST AS I
CAN FIGURE
OUT

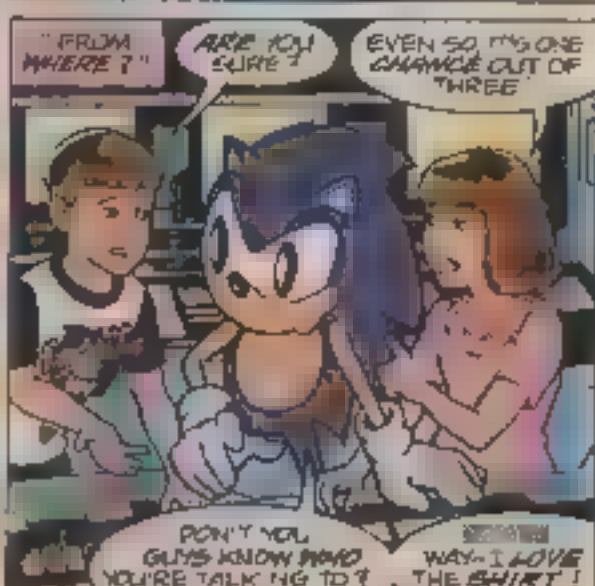
IT'S ONE OF
THESE THREE
BUTTONS!



THAT BLASTED
HEDGE HOG SEEMINGLY
CAME OUT OF
NOWHERE!

BUT WHAT IF
HE DIDN'T?

WHAT IF
HE CAME--
FROM
THERE?



"FROM
WHERE?"

ARE YOU
SURE?

EVEN SO IT'S ONE
CHANCE OUT OF
THREE

DON'T YOU
GUYS KNOW HOW
YOU'RE TALKING TO?

WAY-I LOVE
THE SHIRT!



FROM SOMEWHERE
THROUGH A
TRANSDIMENSIONAL
PORTAL -

WHICH I BELIEVE
THAT TO BE!

LET'S GO,
SNIVELY

GO? GO
WHERE?



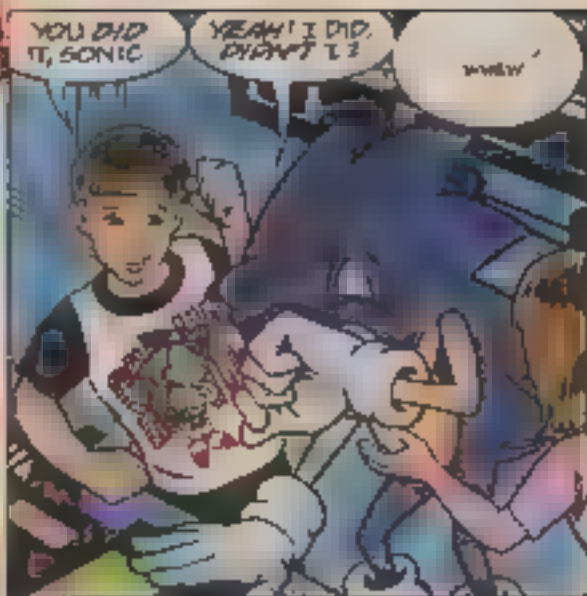
"WHERE WE CAN
GET AWAY
FROM 'ALL
OF COURSE "

AS SIMPLE AS
EENIE MEENIE-
MINEY MO...

IT'S EITHER
THIS



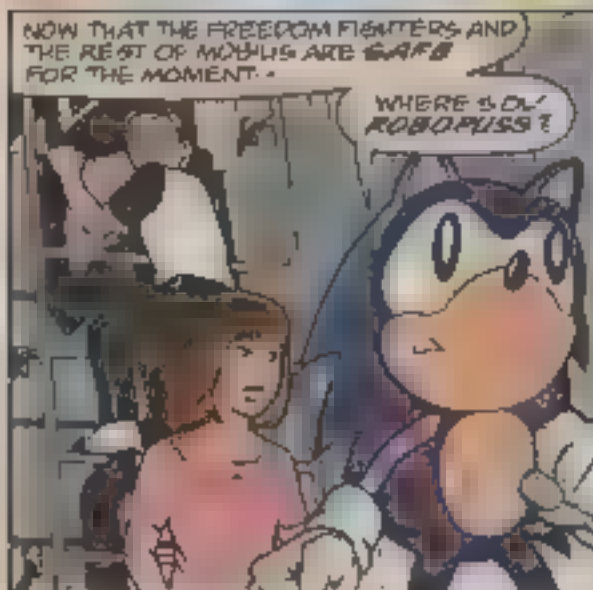
OR I AM
ONE SORRY
HEPHEMOG



YOU DID
IT, SONIC

YEAH! I DID.
DIDNT I?

WHEW



NOW THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND
THE REST OF MOBILIUS ARE SAFE
FOR THE MOMENT.

WHERE'S DR.
ROBOPUSS?



SONIC
THAT GLOW
OVER
THERE

YOU DON'T
SUPPOSE.



I DON'T SUPPOSE
ANYTHING ALL I
KNOW IS

IT'S PULLING
US IN!!

TRY TO HANG ON TO
SOMETHING, JESSIE



WELCOME

THE HEDGEHOG

AND YOUR FRIENDS
AS WELL!

**THE LAST
SAND CARTRIDGE
HERO**

20 x 11

FOR ONCE
I HAVE YOU
EXACTLY WHERE
I WANT
YOU!

THIS IS
SO WEIRD

NOW YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU STEPPED
OUT OF A SPEED
RIDER CARTOON!

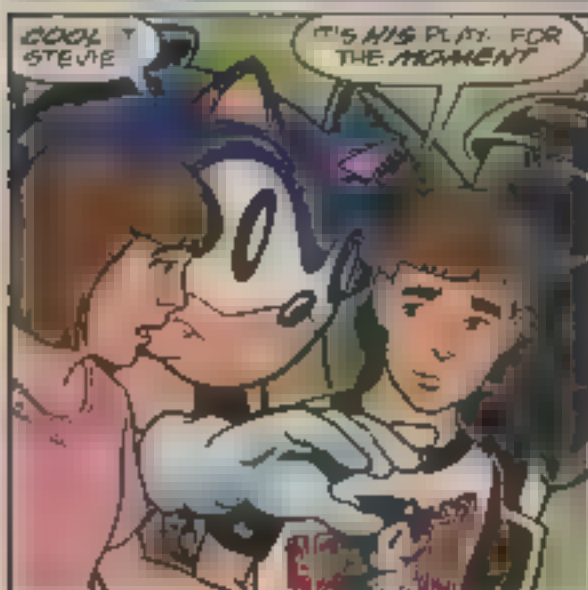
I WOULDN'T
TALK F I WERE
YOU!

IT'S ALWAYS NICE
TO BE WANTED,
ROBO-BUTT.

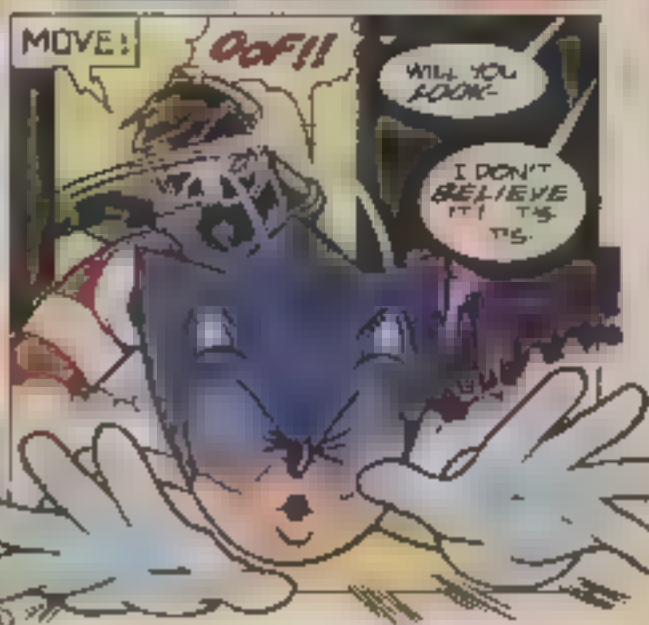
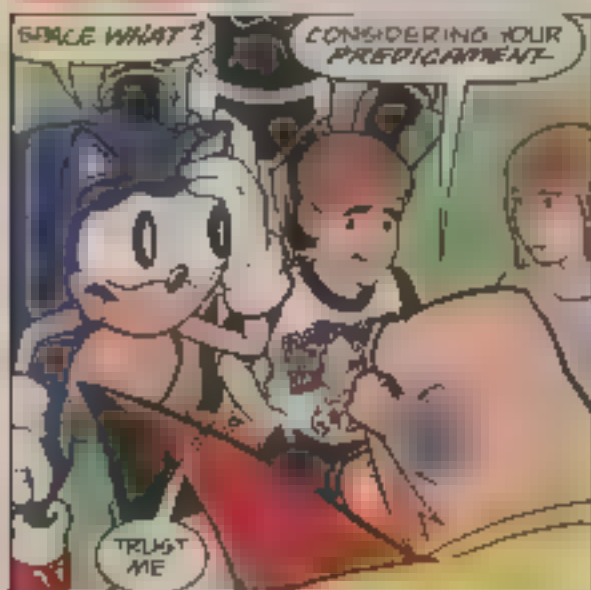
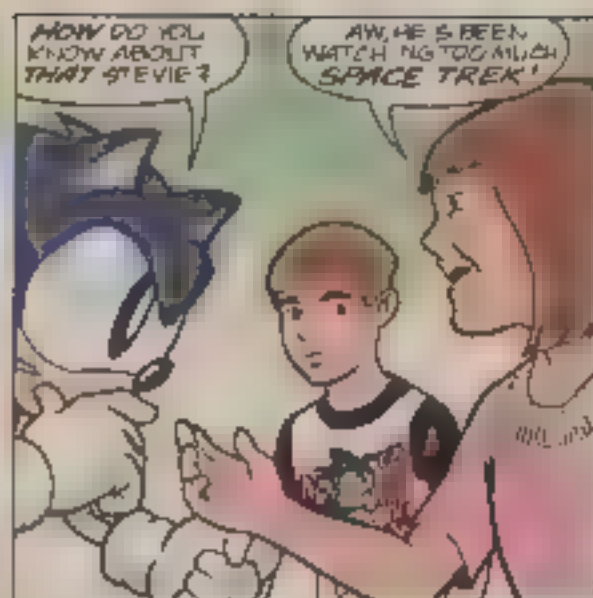
BUT IN YOUR
CASE I'LL MAKE AN
EXCEPTION!

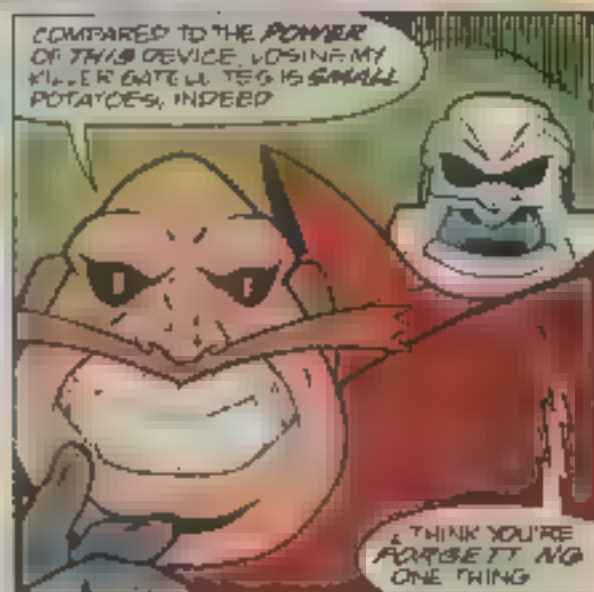
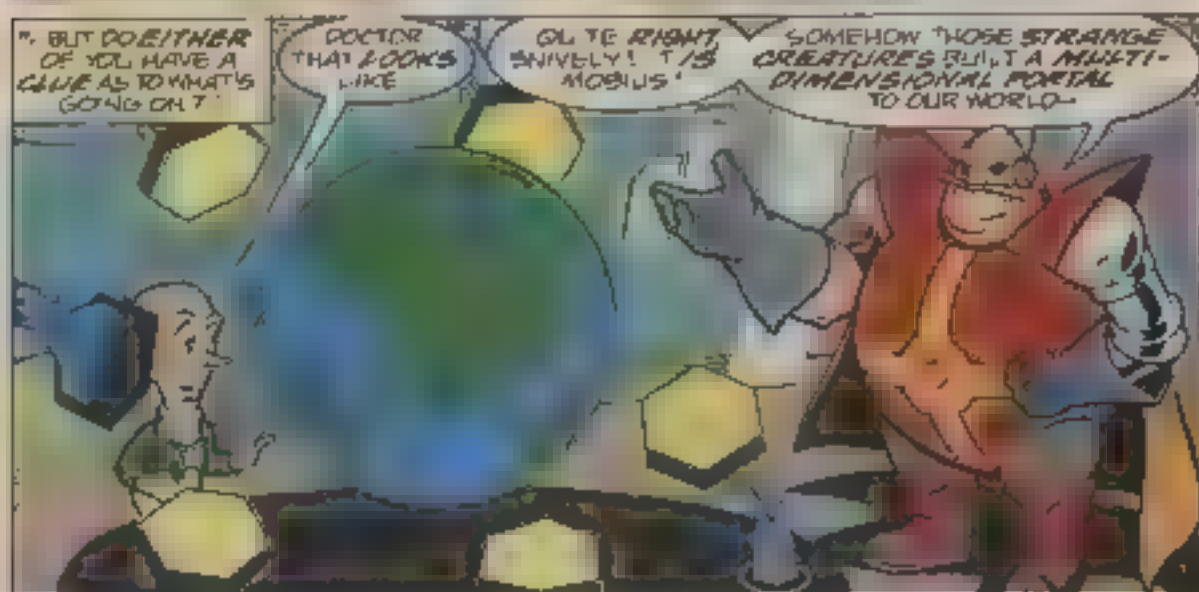
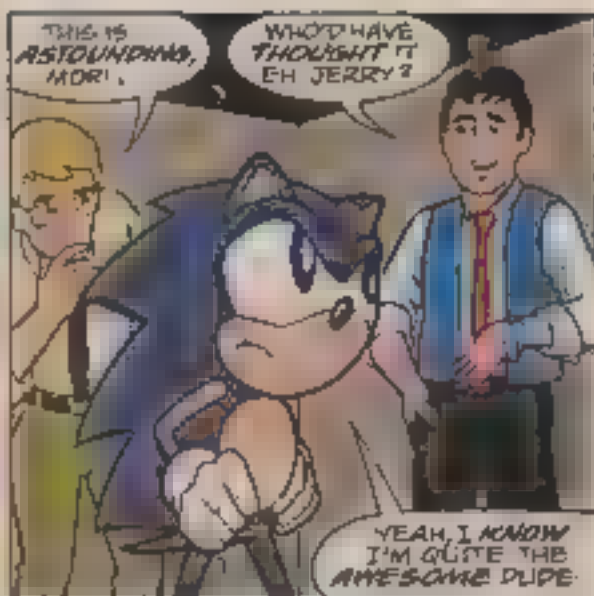
I THOUGHT
THAT WOULD
BE YOUR
ATTITUDE.

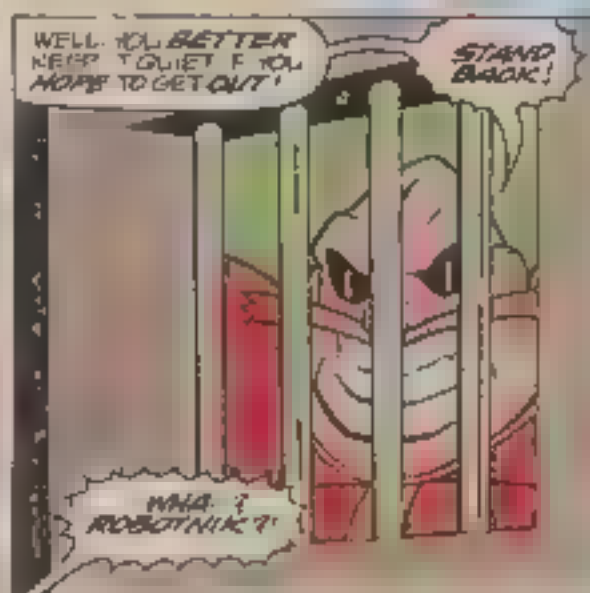
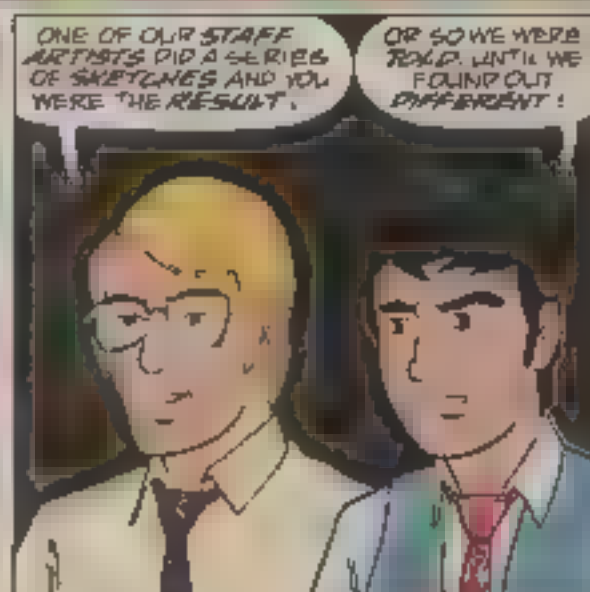
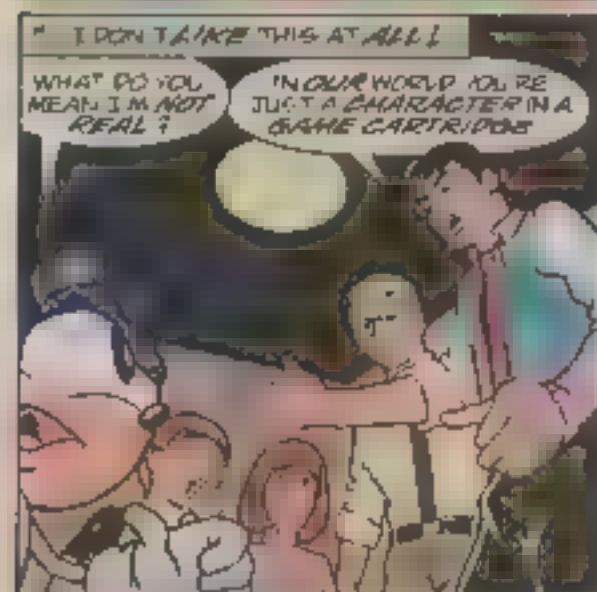
SO I BOOGEY
REINFORCEMENTS

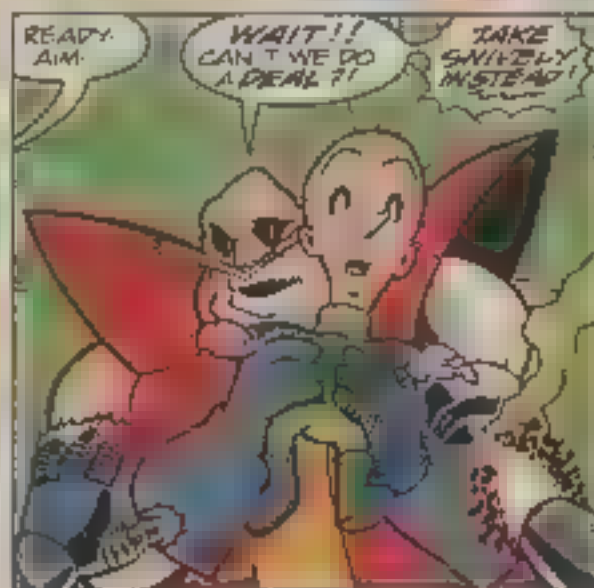
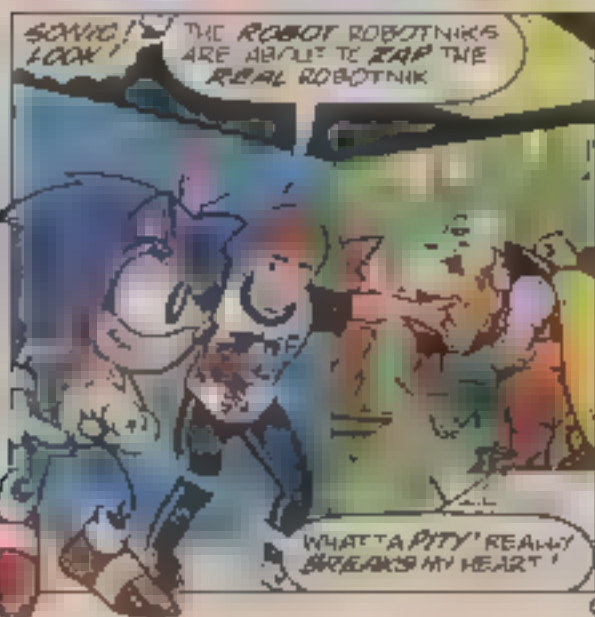
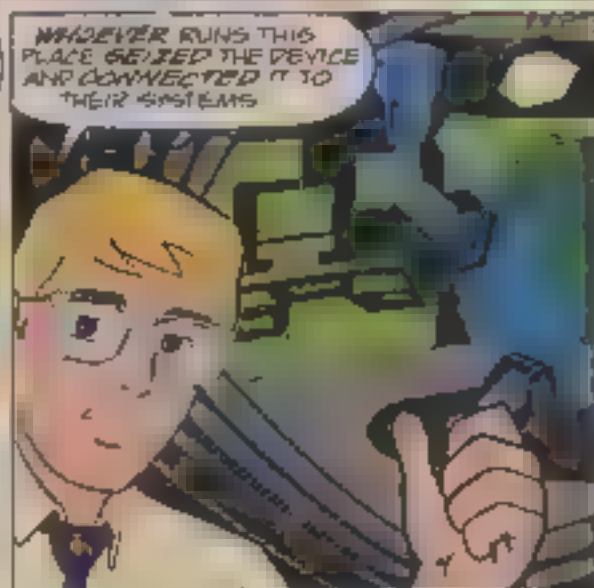
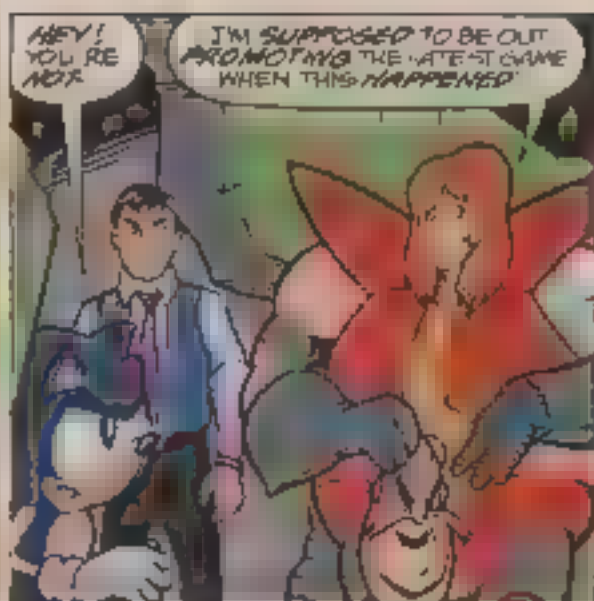


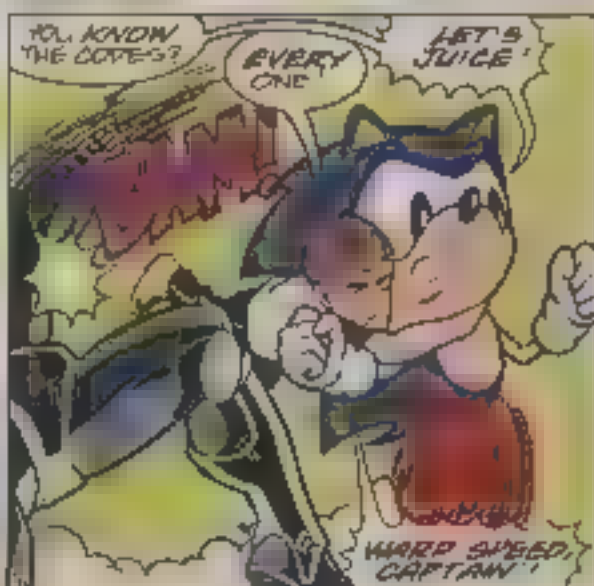
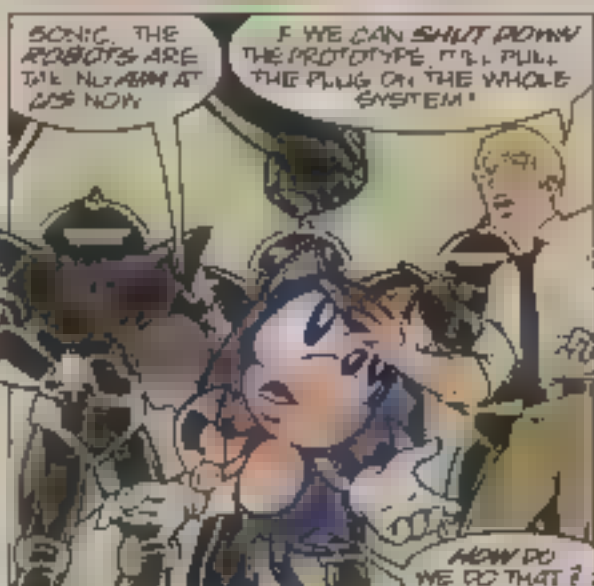
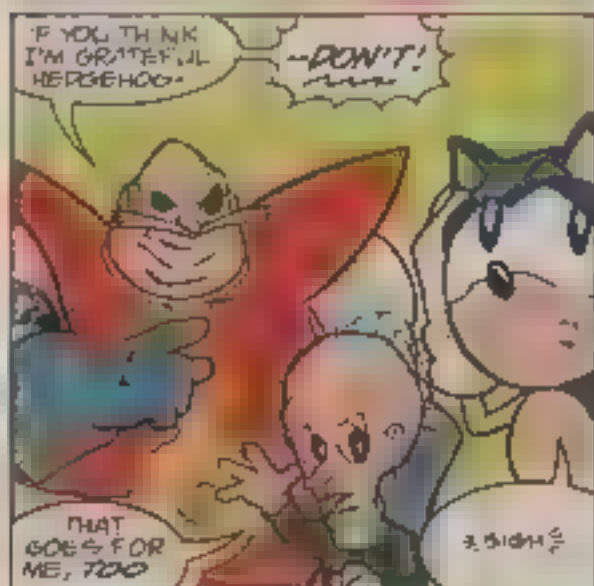


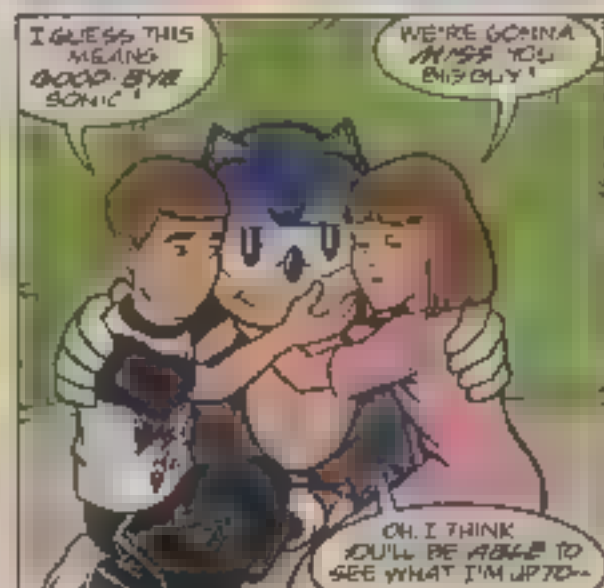
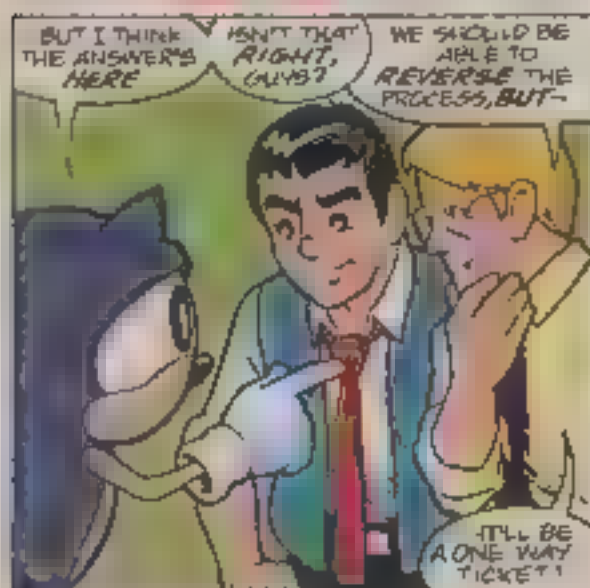
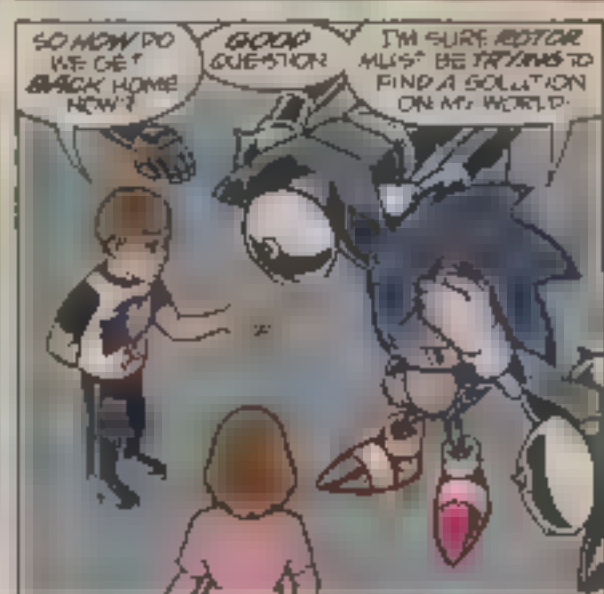


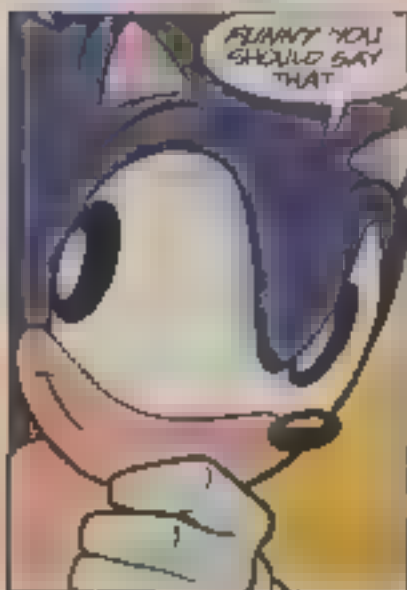
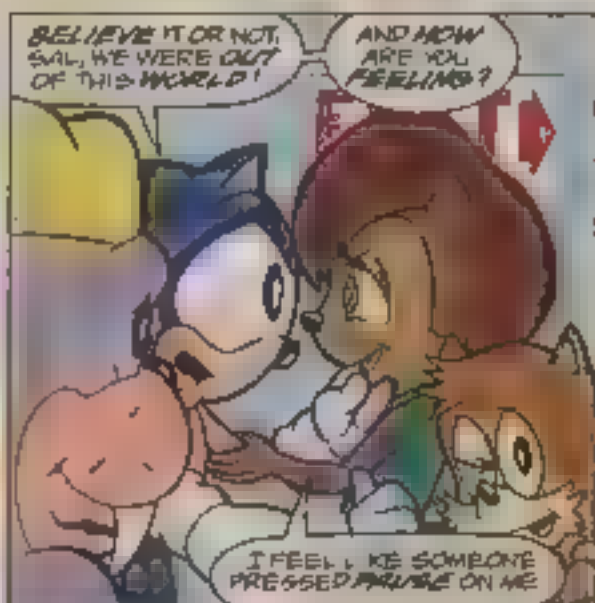
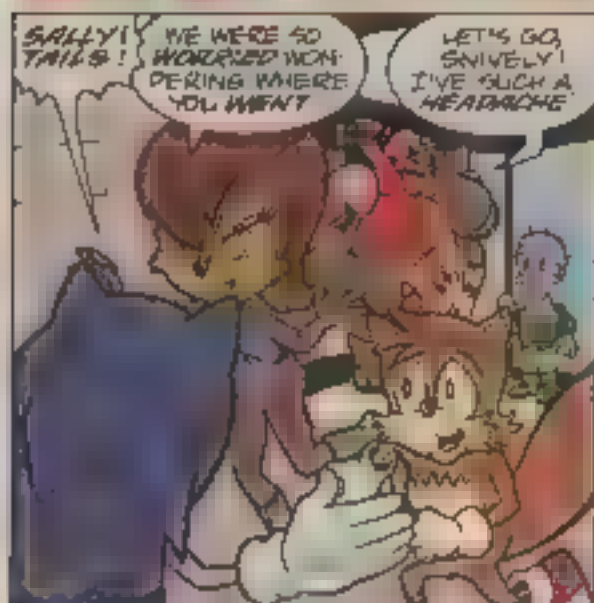
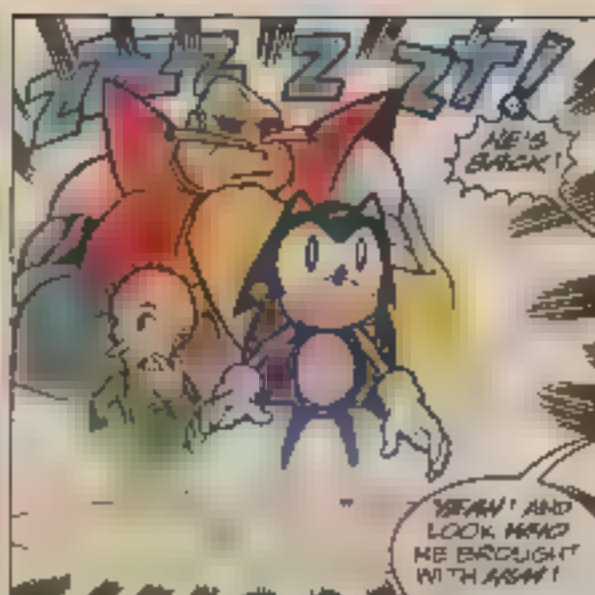












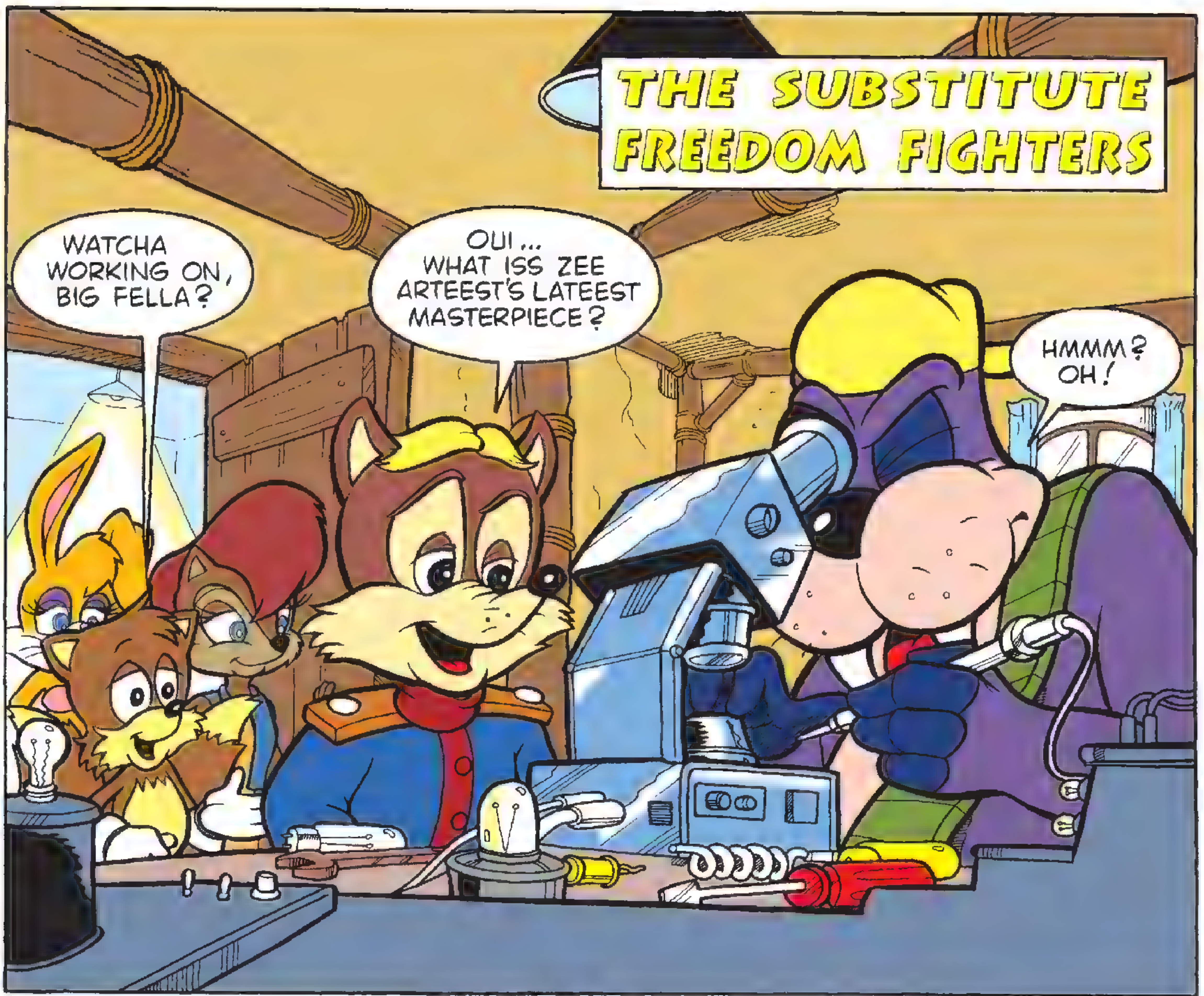
THE END

THE SUBSTITUTE FREEDOM FIGHTERS

WATCHA
WORKING ON,
BIG FELLA?

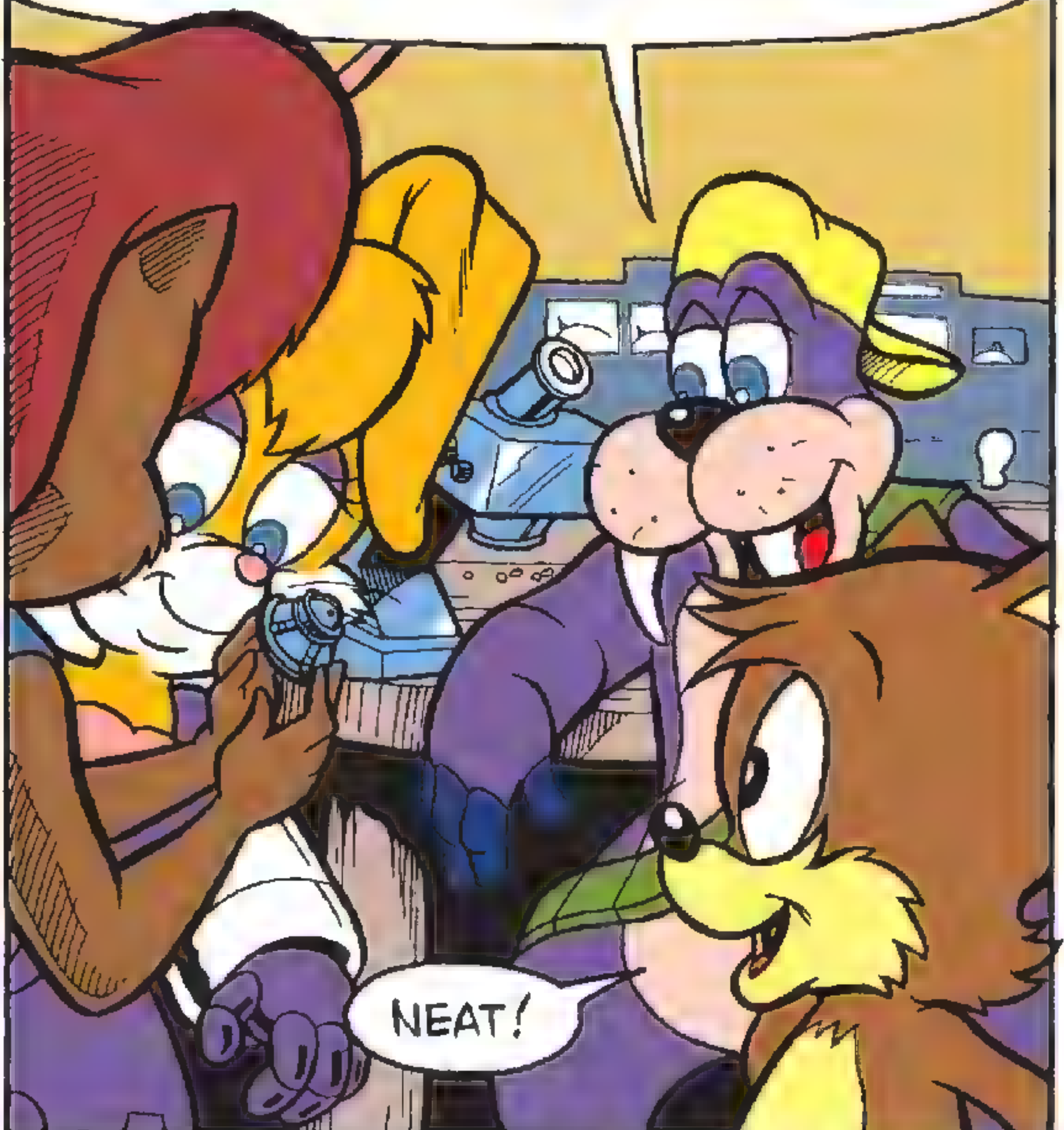
OUI...
WHAT ISS ZEE
ARTEEST'S LATEEST
MASTERPIECE?

HMMM?
OH!

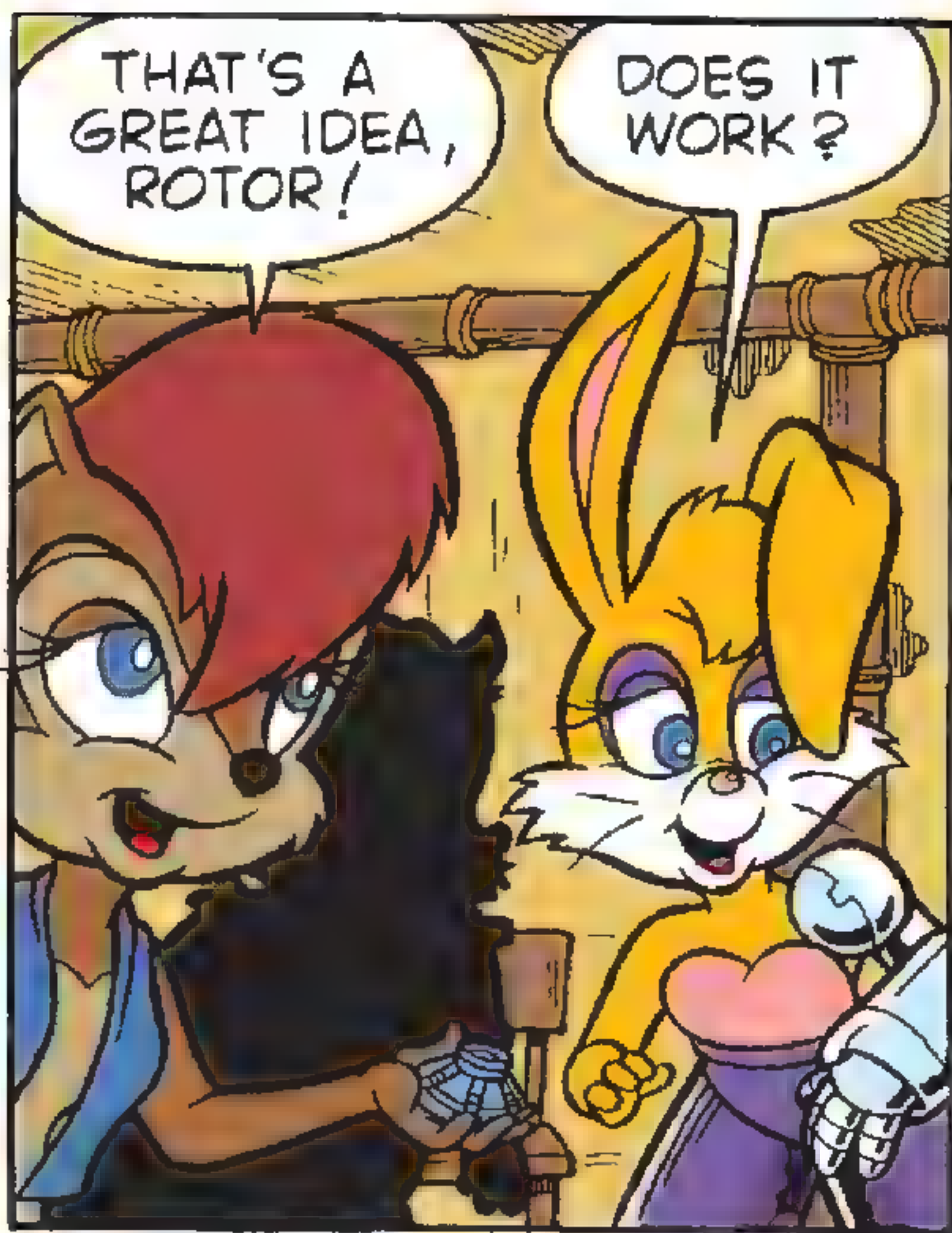


IT'S CALLED THE "MICRO BELT-CAM"!
IT'S A DEVICE THAT WILL ATTACH TO
MY BELT AND RECORD OUR
ACTIONS IN COMBAT.

THE CAMERA RECORDS OUR ACTIVITIES
AND RELAYS THEM BACK TO KNOTHOLE'S
COMPUTERS. THEN WE CAN REVIEW THEM
LATER TO IMPROVE OUR TEAMWORK.



NEAT!

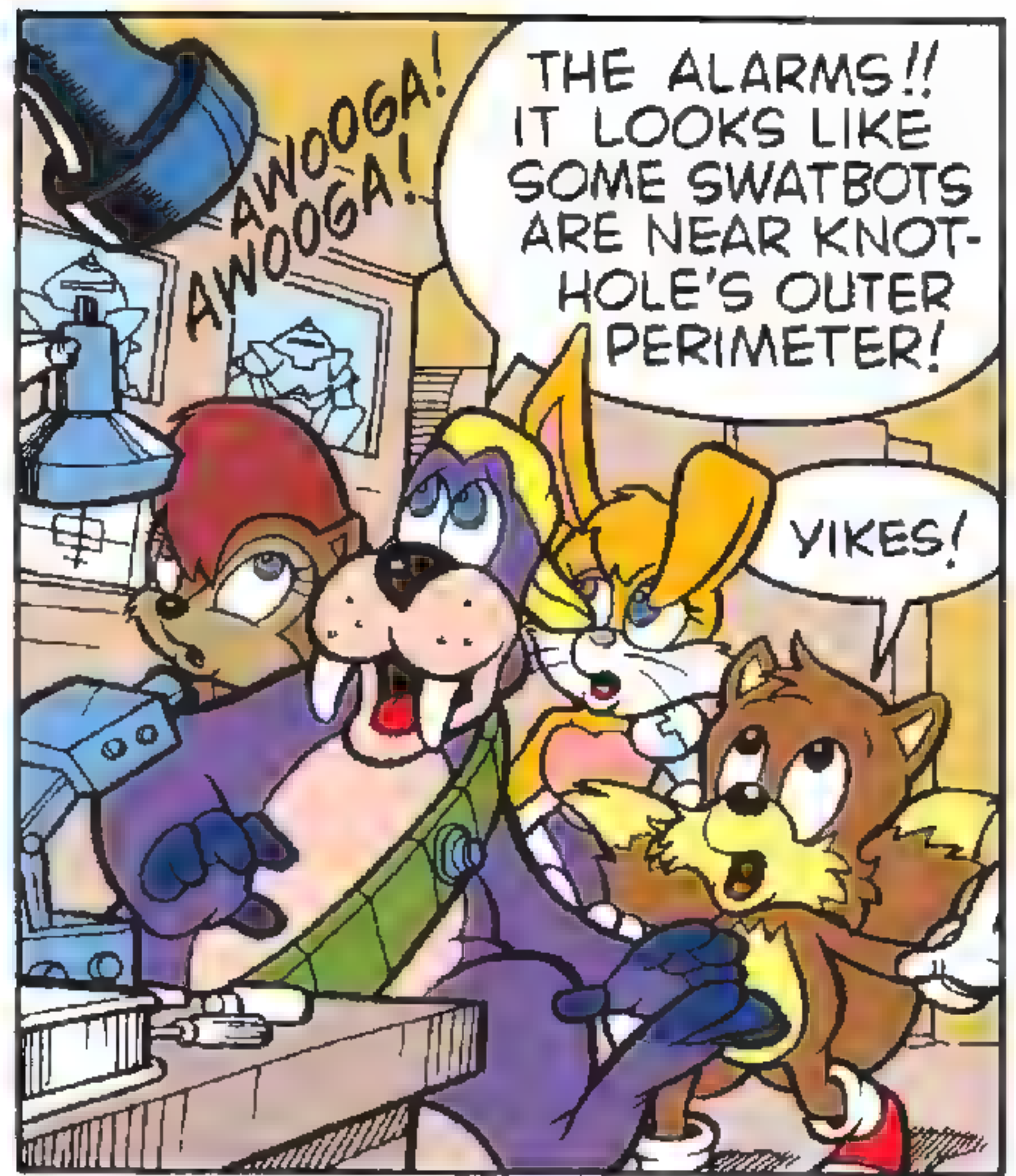


THAT'S A GREAT IDEA, ROTOR!

DOES IT WORK?



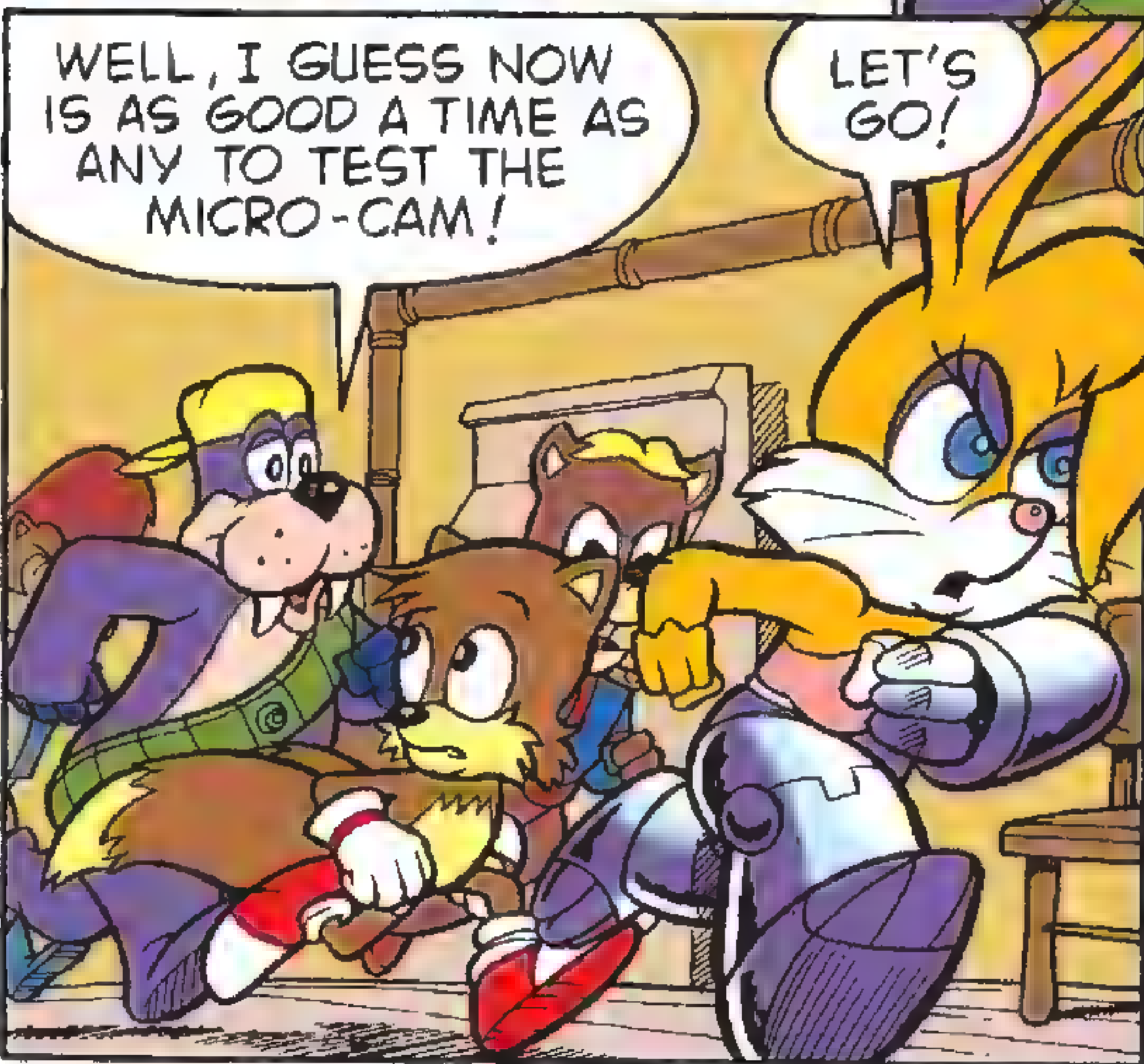
WELL, I HAVEN'T TESTED IT YET... BUT IT SHOULD.



AWOOGA!
AWOOGA!

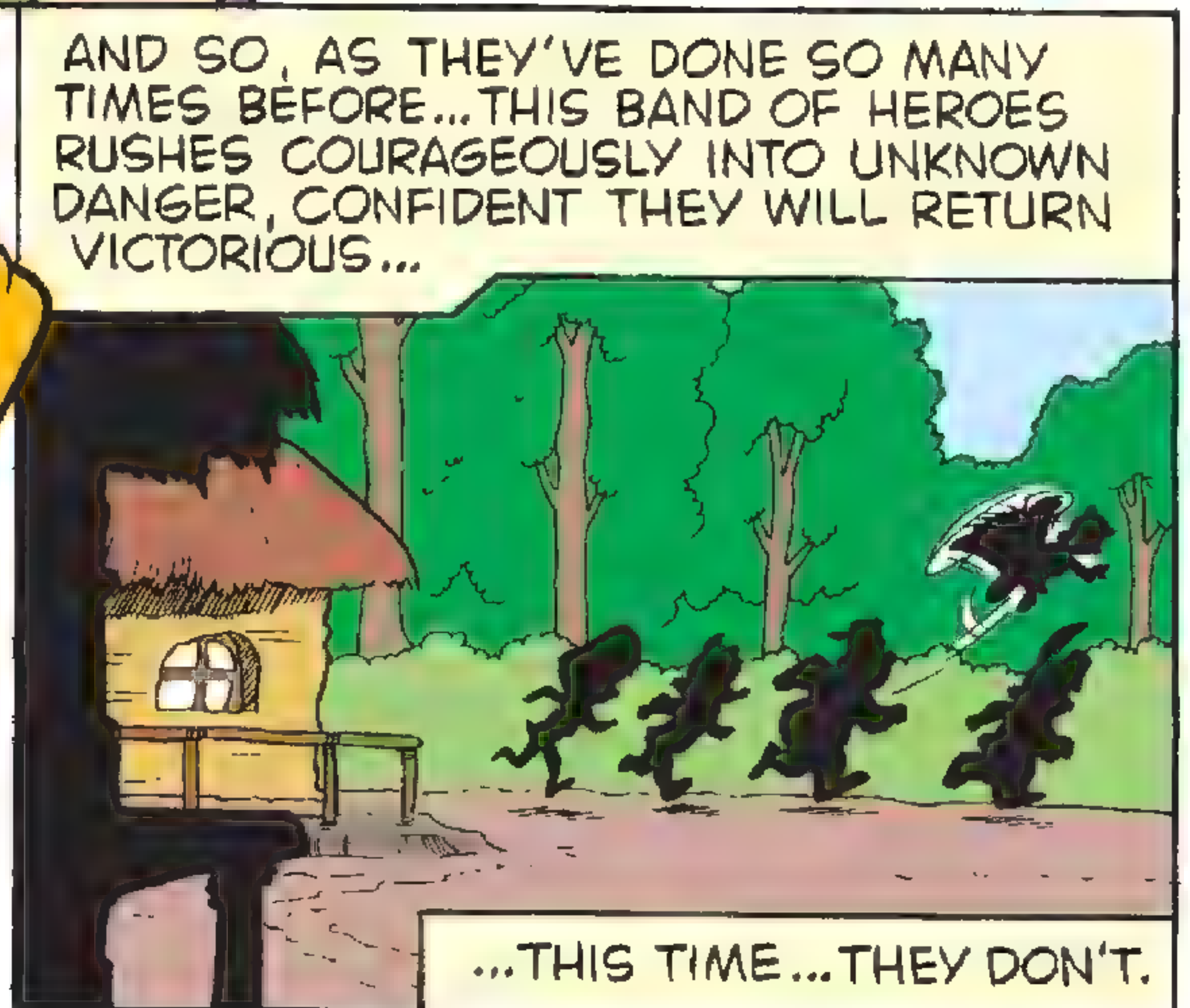
THE ALARMS!! IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SWATBOTS ARE NEAR KNOT-HOLE'S OUTER PERIMETER!

VIKES!



WELL, I GUESS NOW IS AS GOOD A TIME AS ANY TO TEST THE MICRO-CAM!

LET'S GO!



AND SO, AS THEY'VE DONE SO MANY TIMES BEFORE... THIS BAND OF HEROES RUSHES COURAGEOUSLY INTO UNKNOWN DANGER, CONFIDENT THEY WILL RETURN VICTORIOUS...

...THIS TIME... THEY DON'T.



SOME TIME LATER...

HELLO! ANYONE HOME? IT'S ME-- LARRY LYNX.



HUH... I GUESS NO ONE'S HOME... OH WELL, I'LL STOP BACK SOME OTHER... HUH?!

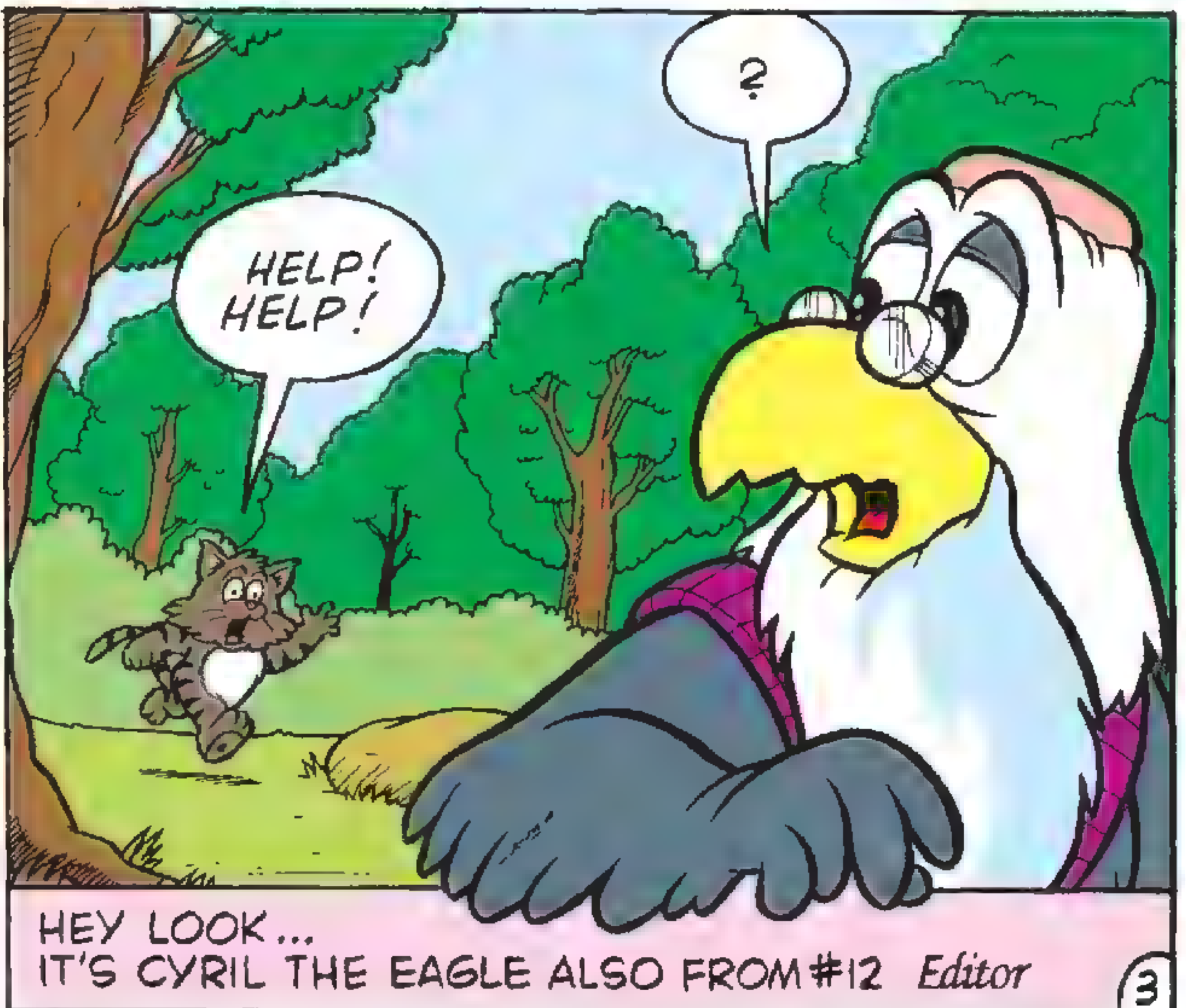
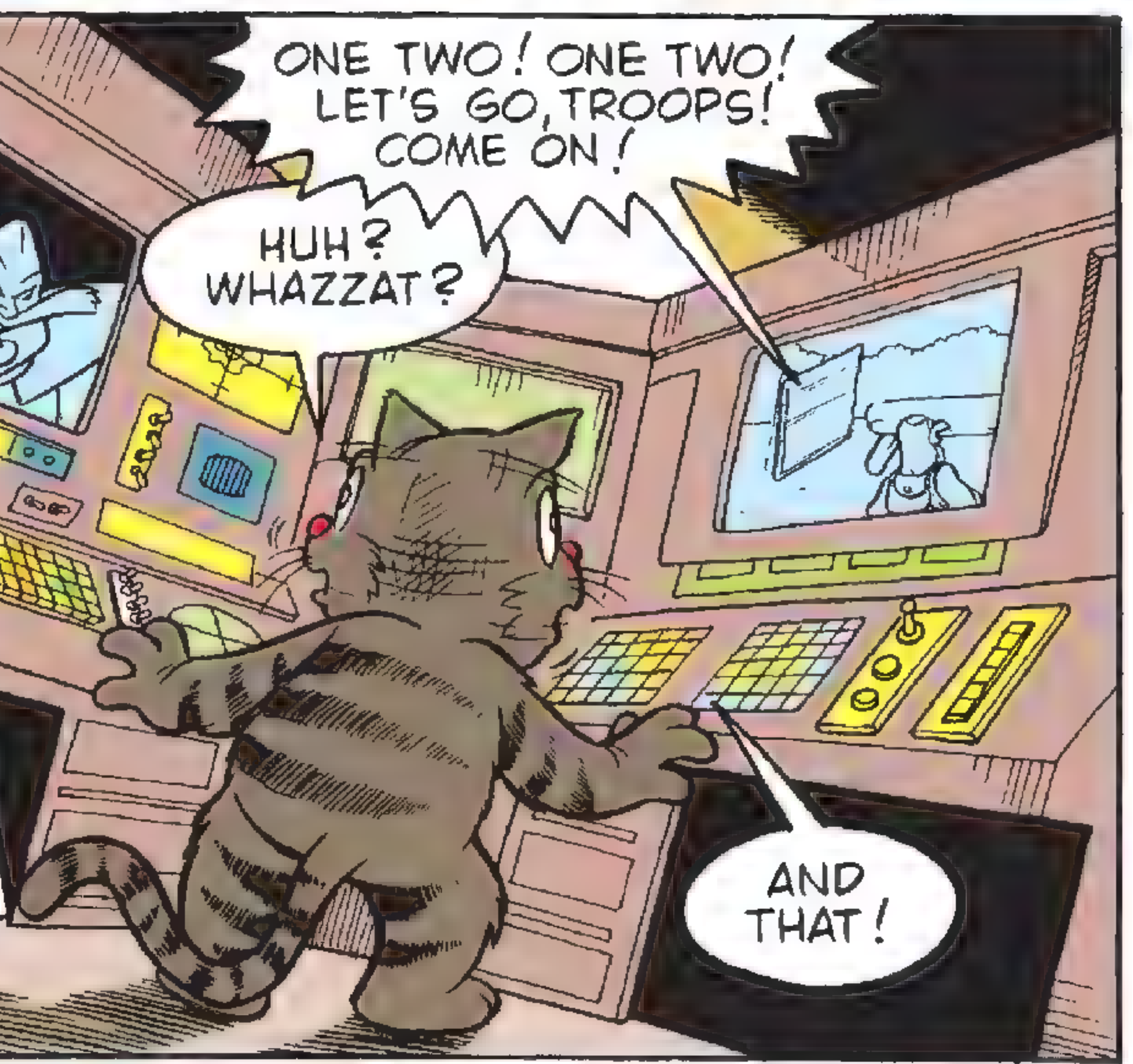


-- RIGHT NEXT TO THE ONE FOR YOUR FRIENDS!

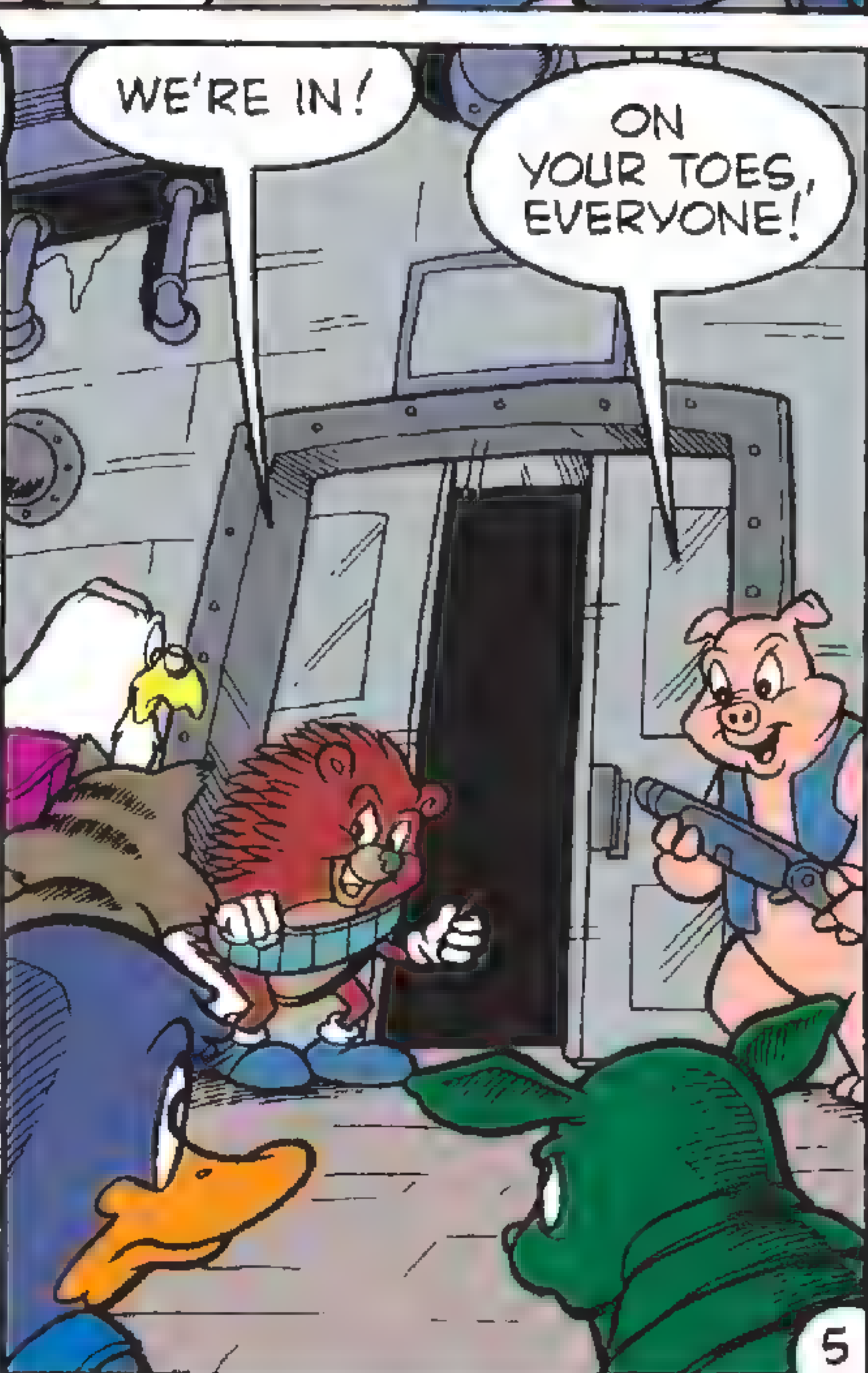
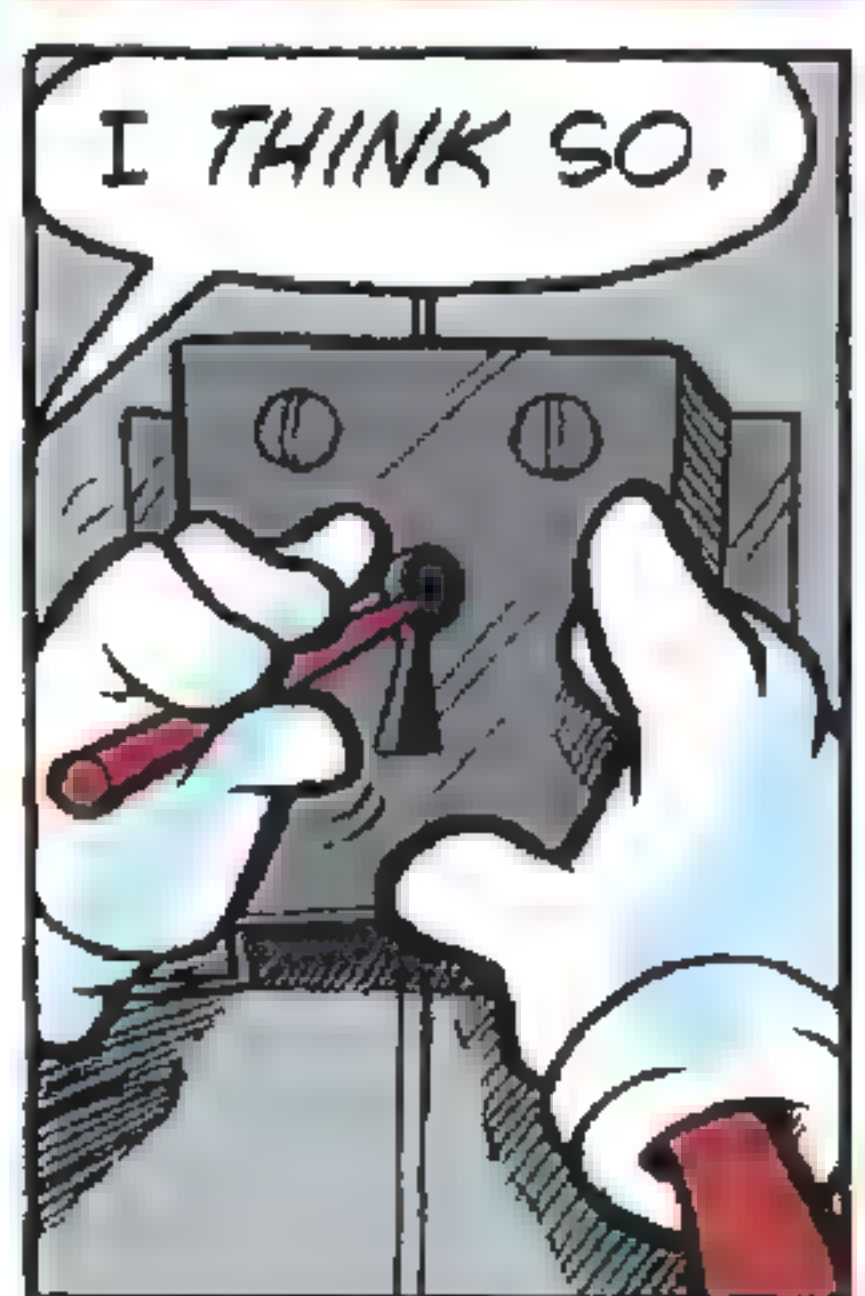
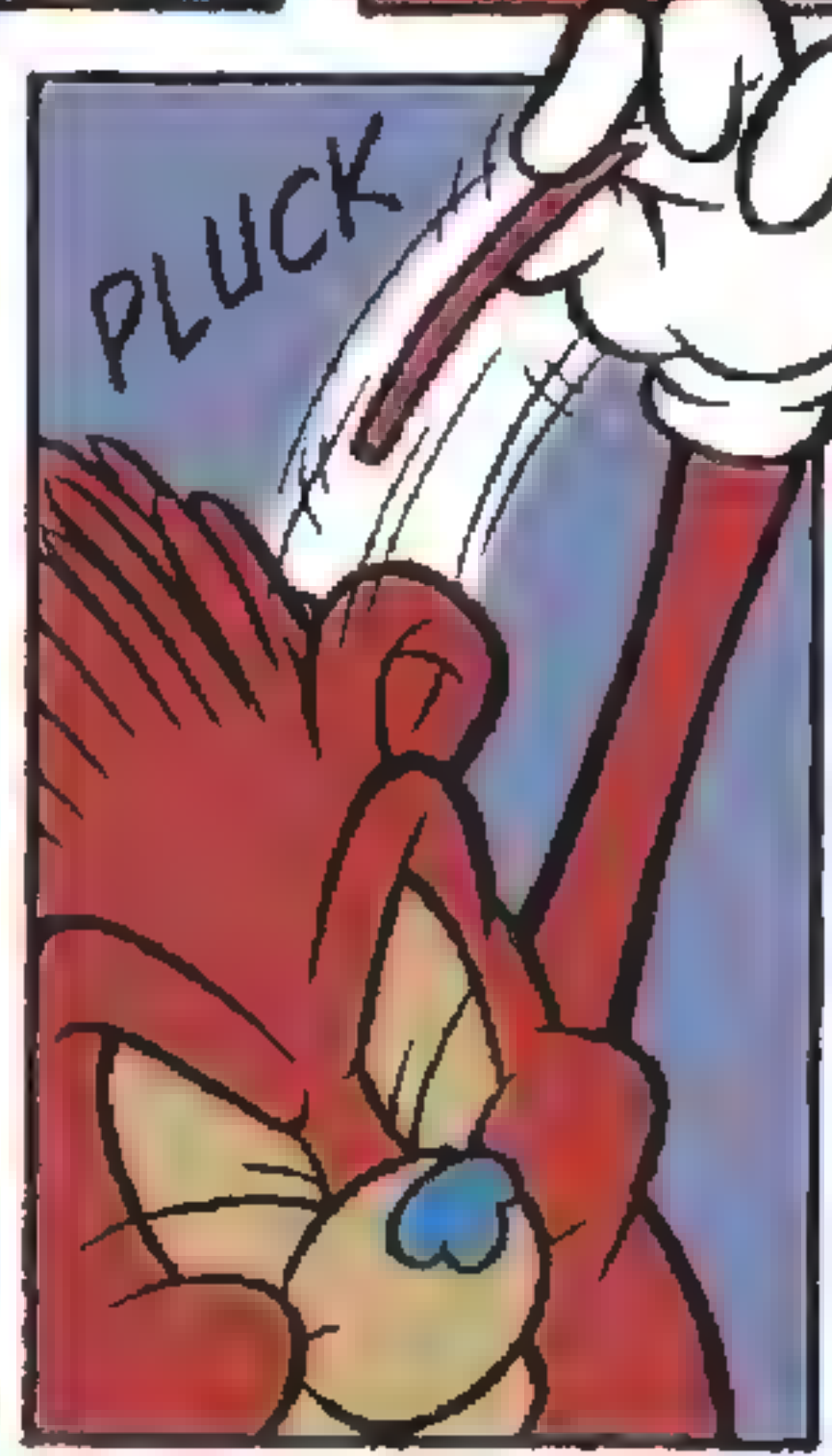
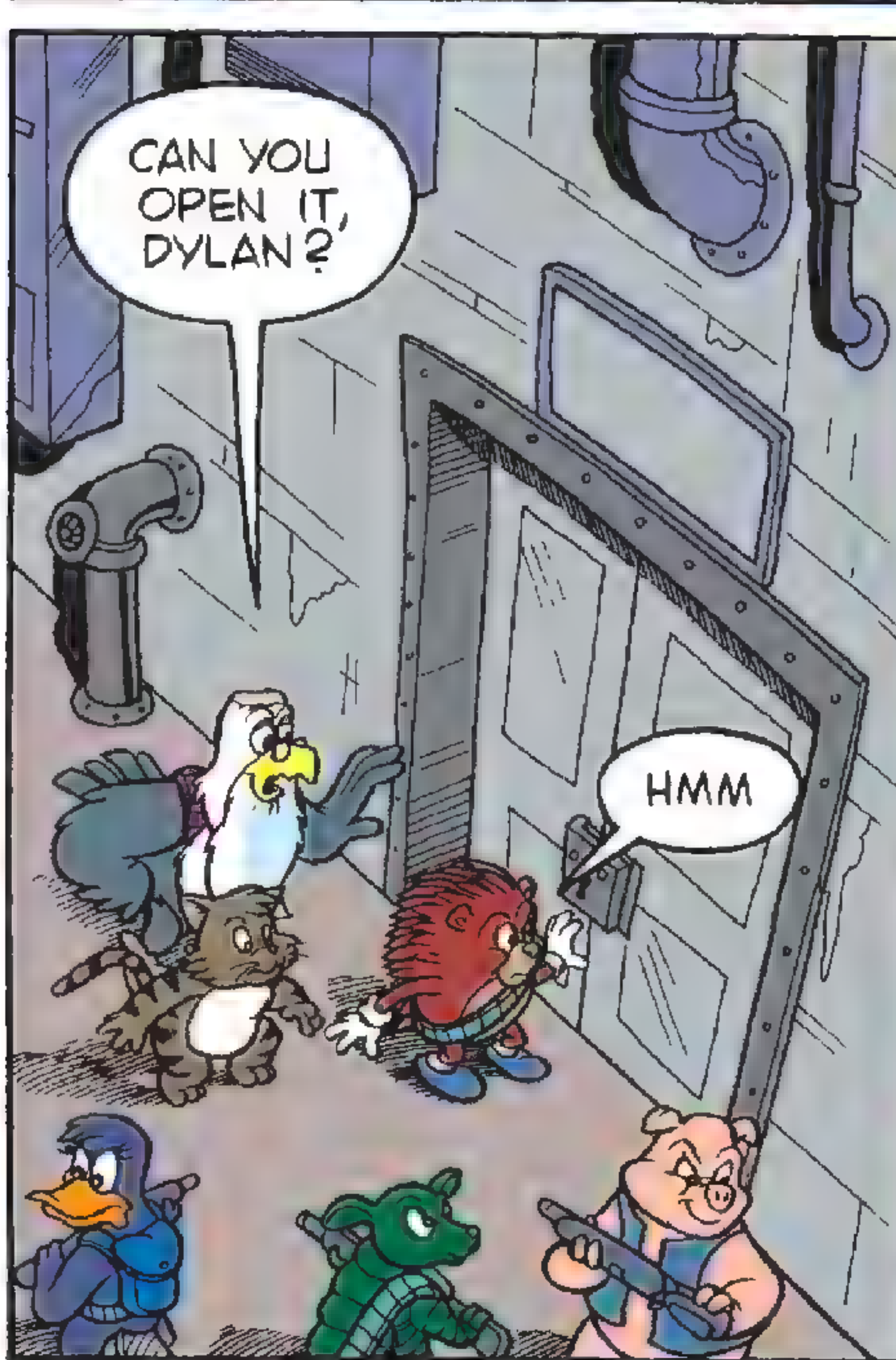
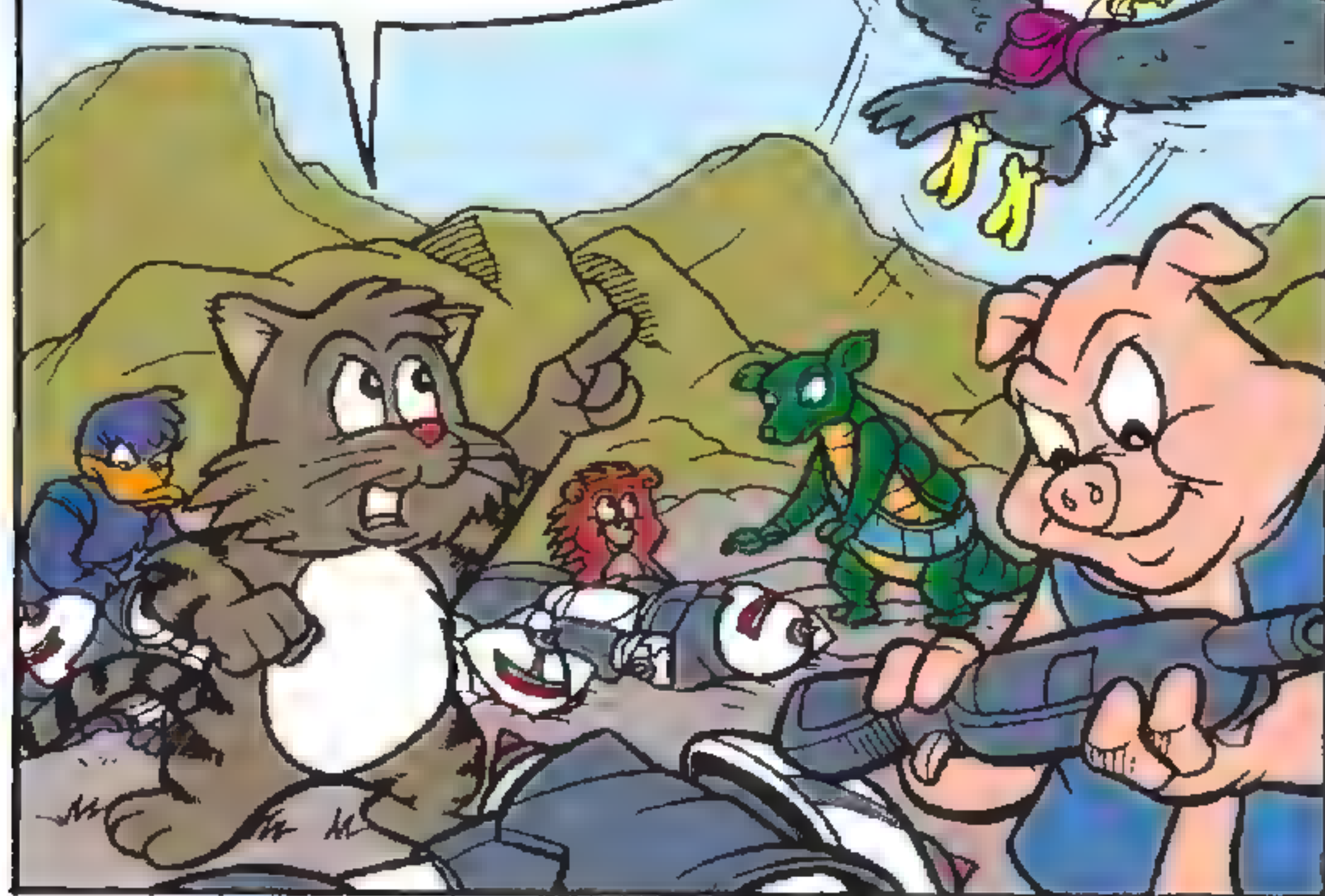
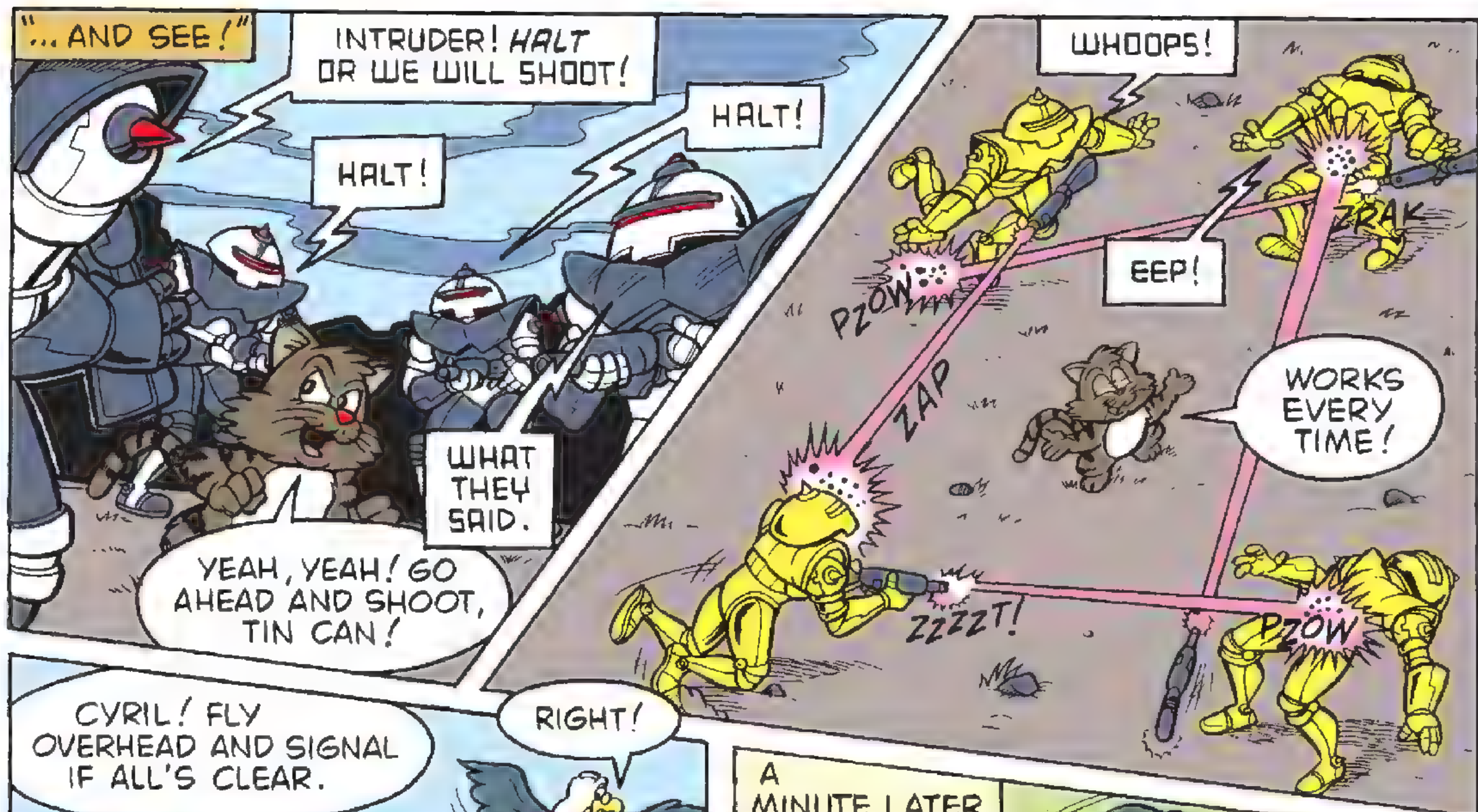
AND NOW THAT I HAVE YOU, I WILL FINALLY BE RID OF YOU ALL...

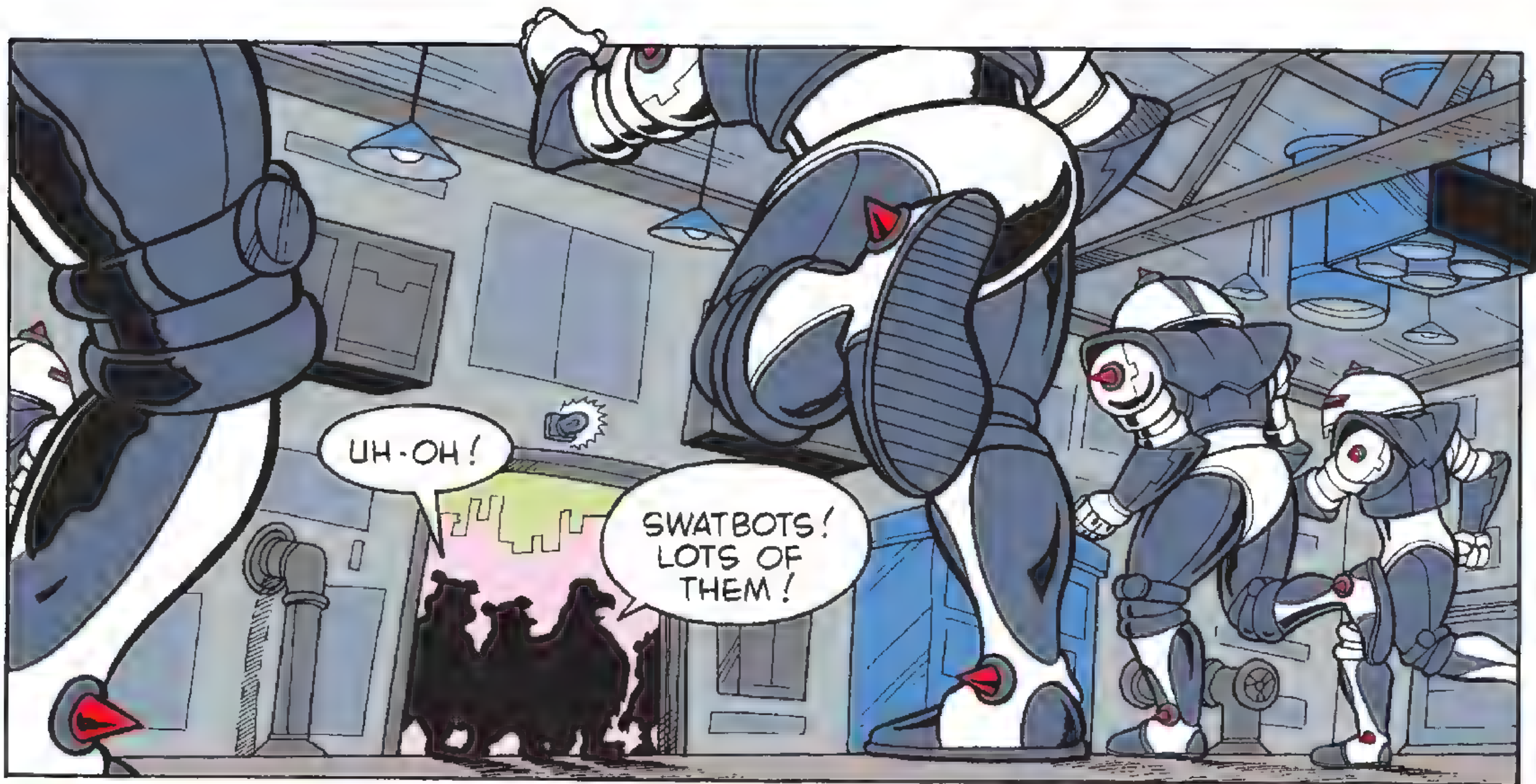
WHAT'S THIS ON THE MONITOR?!

REMEMBER LARRY FROM SONIC #12?









UH-OH!

SWATBOTS!
LOTS OF
THEM!



INITIATE
MANEUVER 12!

CHECK!

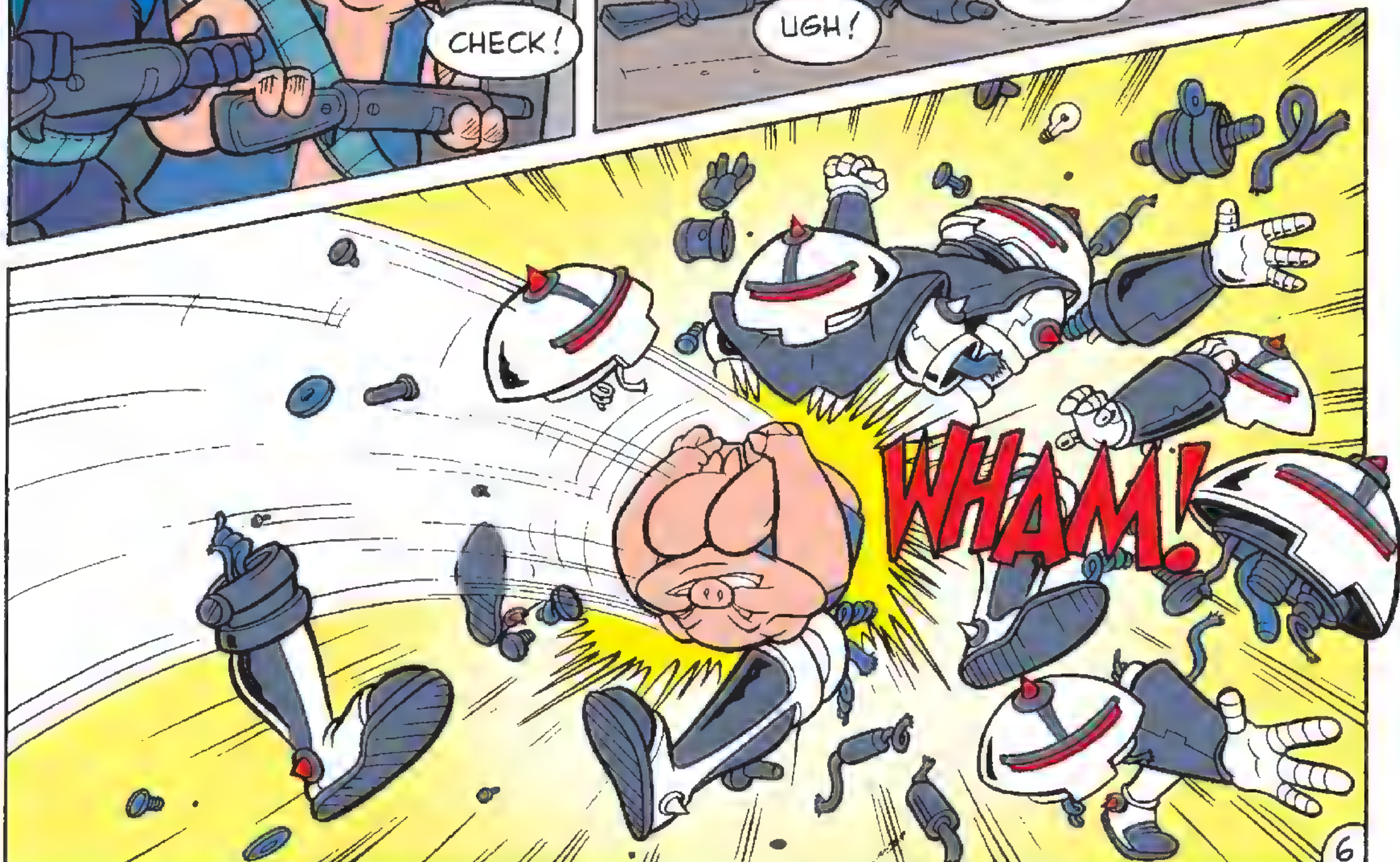


NOW!

?

UMPH!

UGH!



WHAM!

A FEW MINUTES LATER

HEY, LOOK!
IT'S SONIC!

THAT
TEARS IT!
NOW I INTEND
TO GET REALLY
MEAN!

STOP IN
YOUR TRACKS,
YOU INSIPID
HEDGEHOG--

AND THAT
ROBOTNIK!

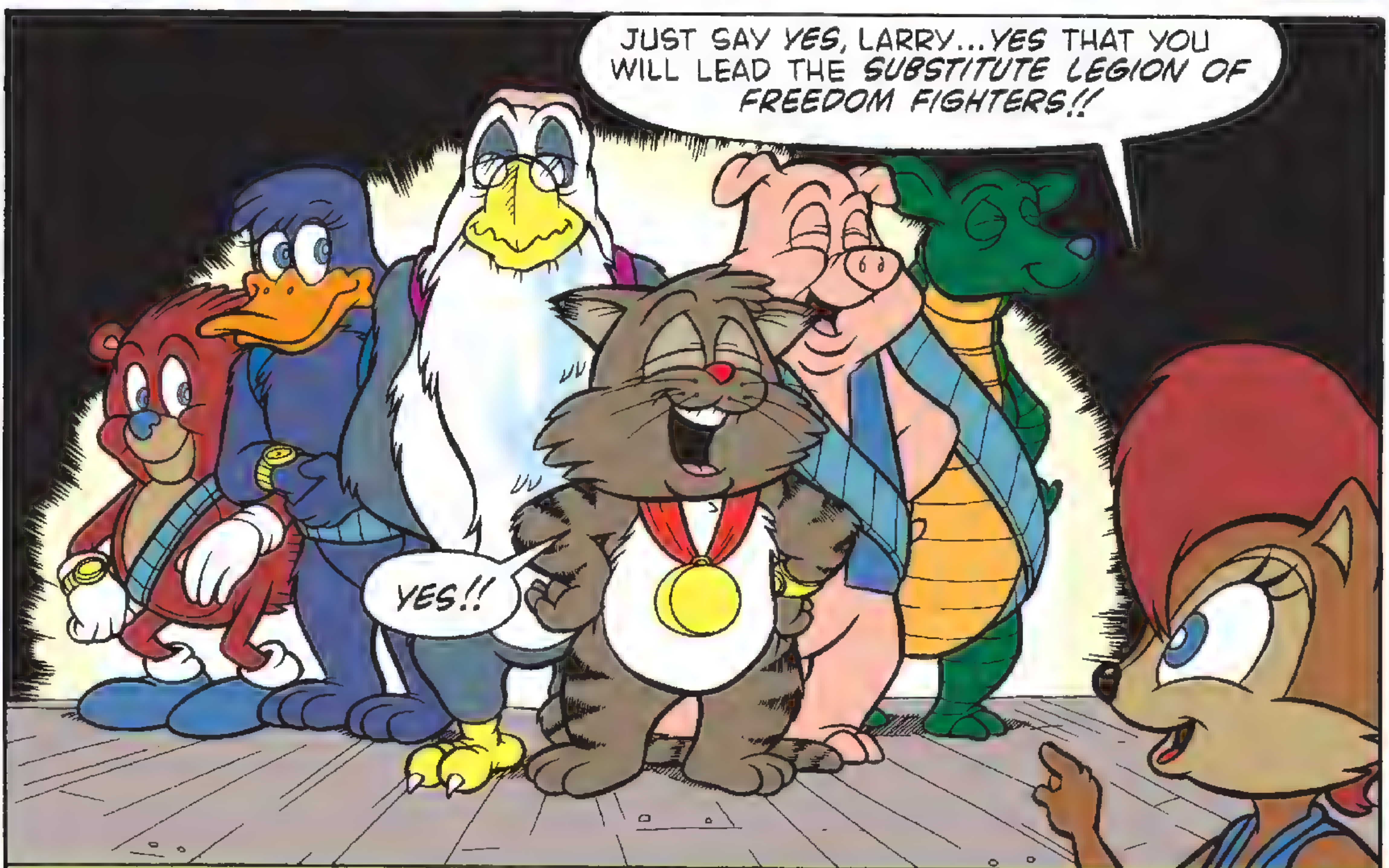
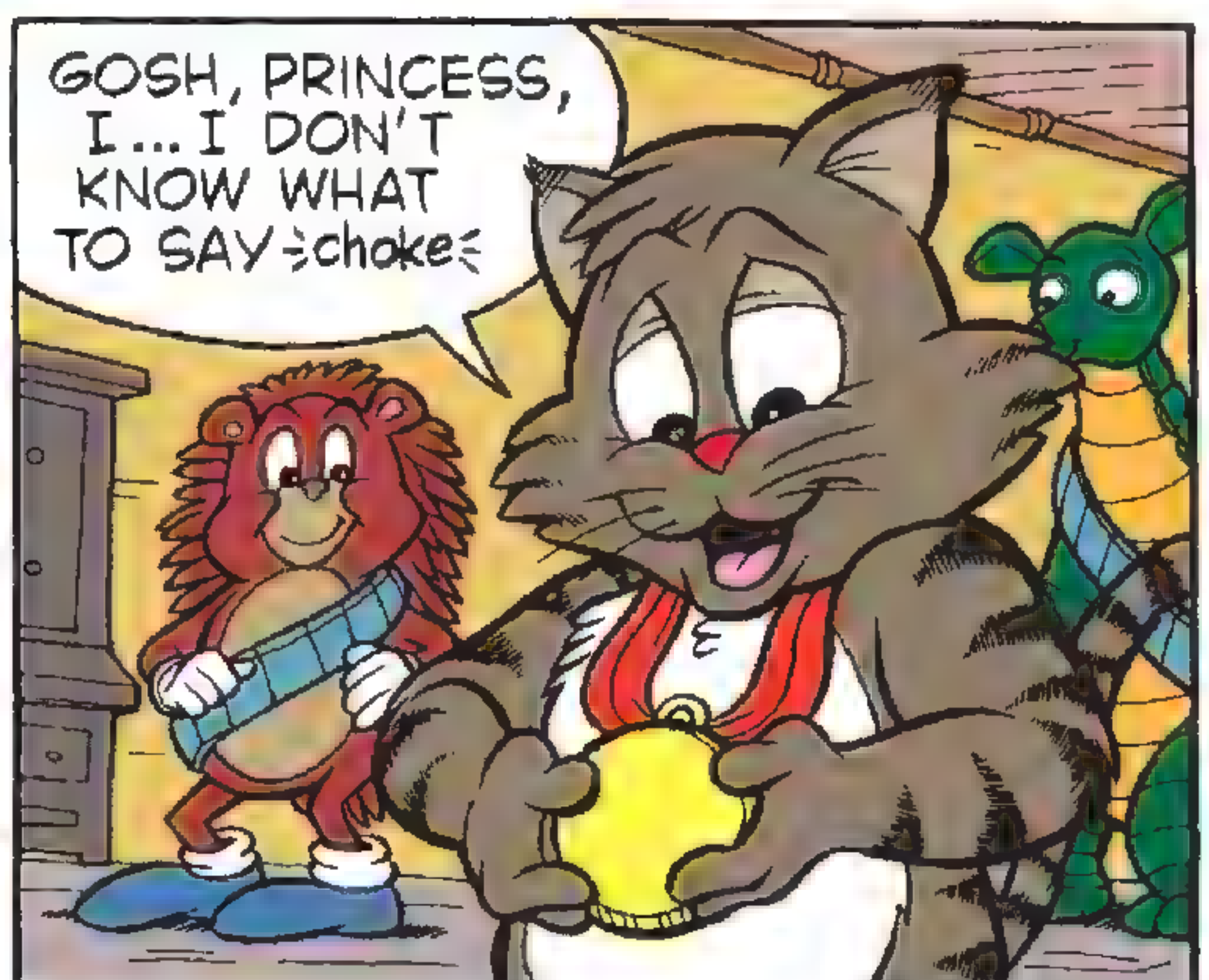
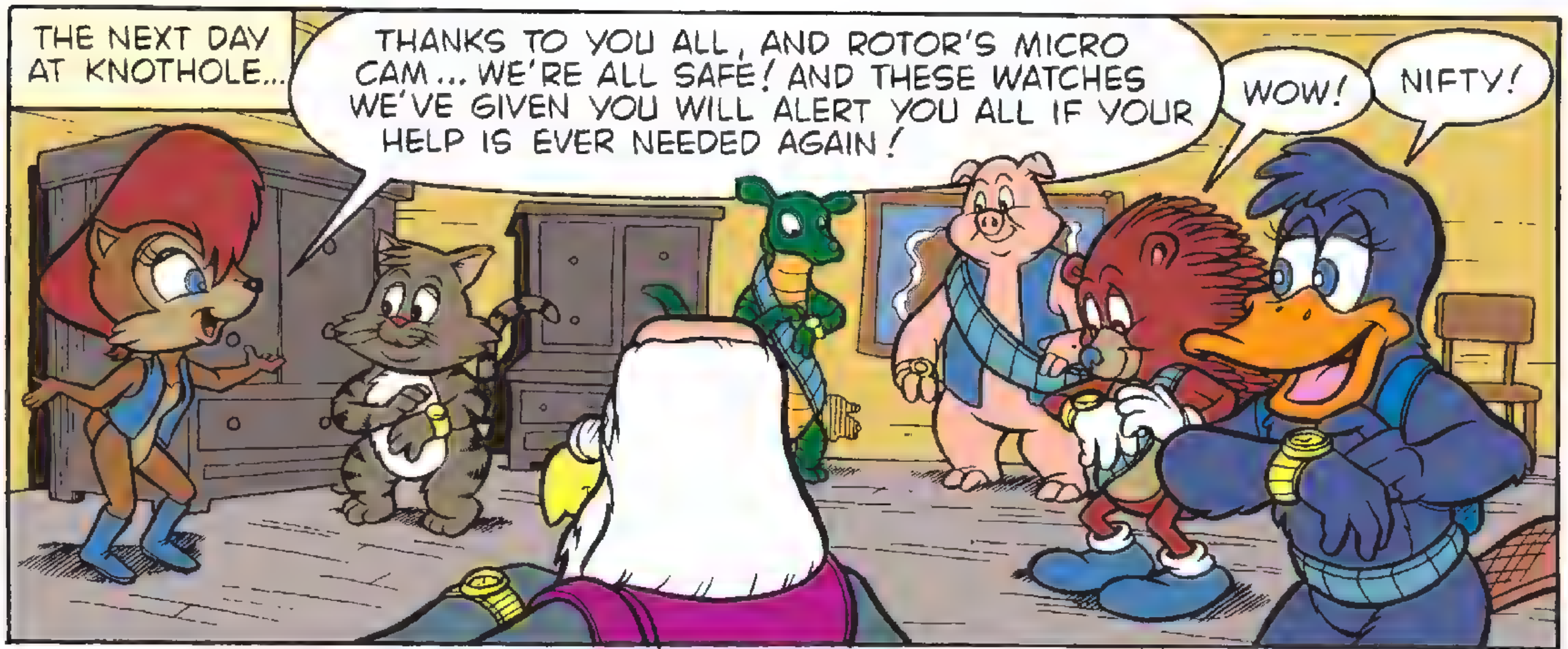
HE'LL HAVE TO
TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF
FOR NOW! THE OTHERS
ARE RIGHT UP AHEAD!
LET'S GO!

AFTER THE BATTLE
HAS BEEN WAGED
AND WON ...

HUH?!
L--LARRY?
DYLAN?

NO TIME TO
EXPLAIN NOW,
PRINCESS--

-- LET'S FIND
SONIC AND MOVE
IT OUT!



WILL WE SEE THE LEGION AGAIN? TIME (AND YOU, THE FANS) WILL TELL!

The End

LEAVING THE CHAOTIX TO
GUARD THE FLOATING ISLAND...

KNUCKLES VOWS TO FIND THE
AILING KING ACORN'S MAGIC
SWORD!*

FOLLOWING A VAGUE
LEAD FROM THE ANCIENT
WALKERS* AND A NEW
CLUE FROM HIS ANCESTOR'S
BOOK OF MYTHS...

...THE ECHIDNA
HAS JOURNEYED
TO A REMOTE
SECTION OF THE
GREAT FOREST.

UNLIKE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE,
THE SMALL COTTAGE HE HAS
DISCOVERED IS NOT HIDDEN...

...RATHER, IT HAS BEEN
FORGOTTEN, UNTOUCHED
BY MOBIUS'
REVOLUTION...

...THAT IS,
UNTIL
TODAY!

A DEVIL WATCHER!
IT CAN'T BE -- THEY'RE
JUST THE STUFF OF
FAIRY TALES!

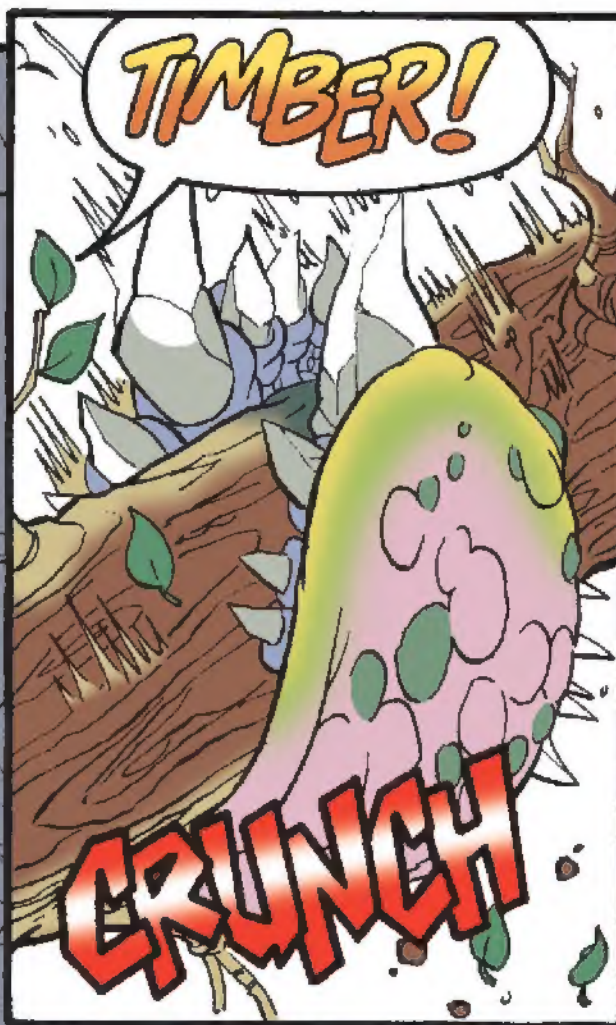
KNUCKLES
QUEST 2

*IT ALL BEGAN IN
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REAL OR NOT, I DON'T PLAN ON BEING THIS GUY'S LUNCH!

KRAK



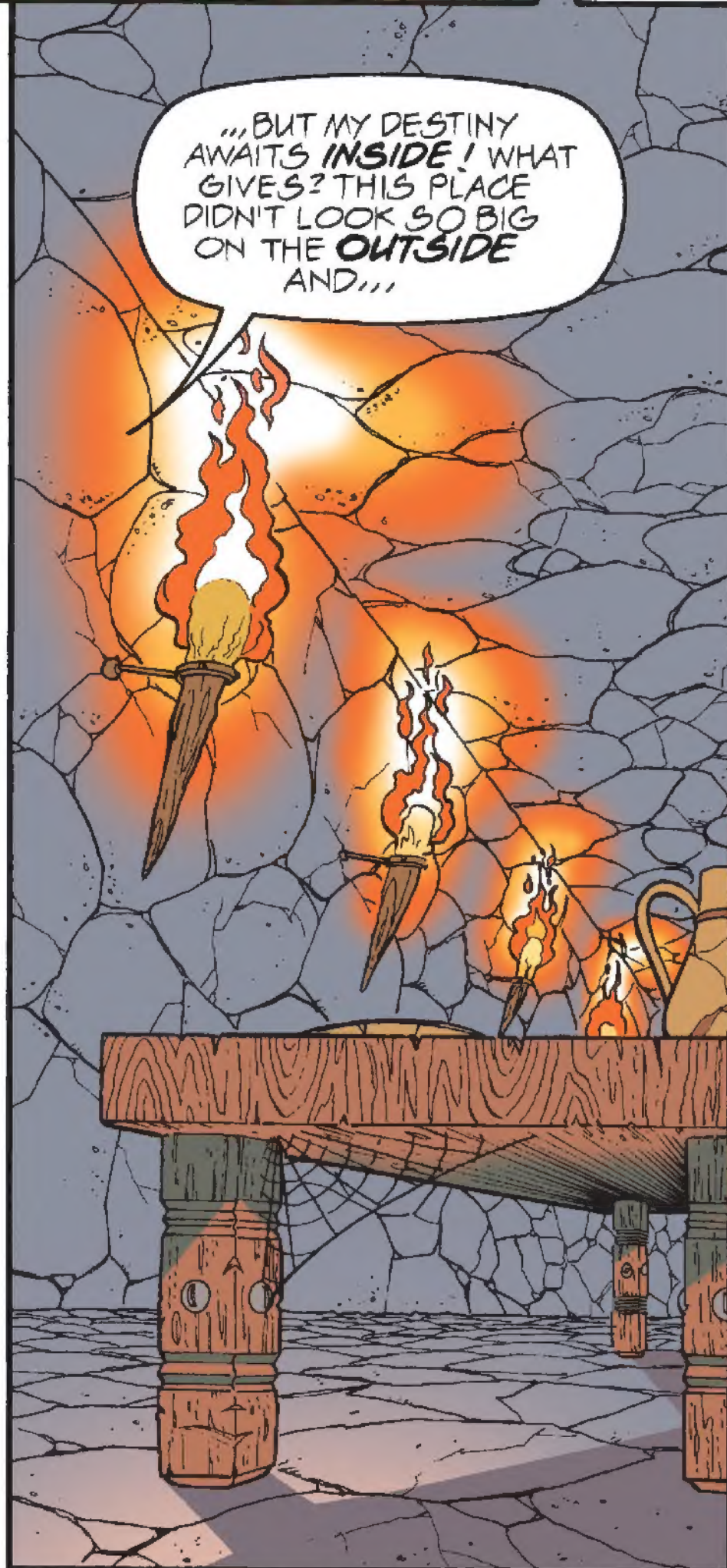
TIMBER!

CRUNCH



GONE?! I'D LIKE TO FIND OUT HOW AND WHERE...

POIT



...BUT MY DESTINY AWAITS *INSIDE*! WHAT GIVES? THIS PLACE DIDN'T LOOK SO BIG ON THE *OUTSIDE* AND...



RARAN

BLOOD BEASTS!
WHERE'RE ALL THESE **STORYBOOK MONSTERS** COMING FROM?!

WELL, THE STORY GOES, "ATTACK THE **DOMINANT ONE** AND THEY **BOTH** SHALL FALL!" YOU'RE CLOSEST, SO...

TAG, FELIX, YOU'RE IT!

DOING A **FADE-OUT** TOO? GOOD! NOW NOTHING'S IN MY WAY, SO I CAN START SNOOPING!

THEN AGAIN...?!
HMM... MAYBE I SHOULD START USING MY **BRAIN** IF I WANT TO SURVIVE! BUT FOR NOW...

HERE'S ONE FOR YOU...

...UH...
NICE DRAGON!

...AND ONE FOR YOU!

"I'VE GOT TO **THINK HARD**...EXAMINE THE ANCIENT WALKERS' CRYPTIC MESSAGE..."

ON A ONCE **LUSH** WORLD AND ITS HUNK OF **FLOATING STONE**, THERE EXISTS A SORCERER, WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE..."

A **CHARLATAN**, **ENCHANTRESS** AND **PALADIN** WITH **FAIRNESS** AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE..."

CHARLATAN... FAIRNESS... STORY-BOOK MONSTERS... **THAT'S IT!**

SIR, FORGIVE ME FOR **INVADING** YOUR HOME! I'M REALLY ON A **PEACEFUL MISSION** TO FIND KING ACORN'S SWORD!

LOOKS LIKE USING THE OL' **NOODLE** PAID OFF--THE MONSTERS--THE COTTAGE'S **APPEARANCE**...IT'S ALL AN **ILLUSION!**

THE BENEVOLENT ANCIENT WALKERS GRANTED YOU AN **AUDIENCE**, AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT YOU'VE LEARNED MY **SECRET**, I CAN DO NO LESS!



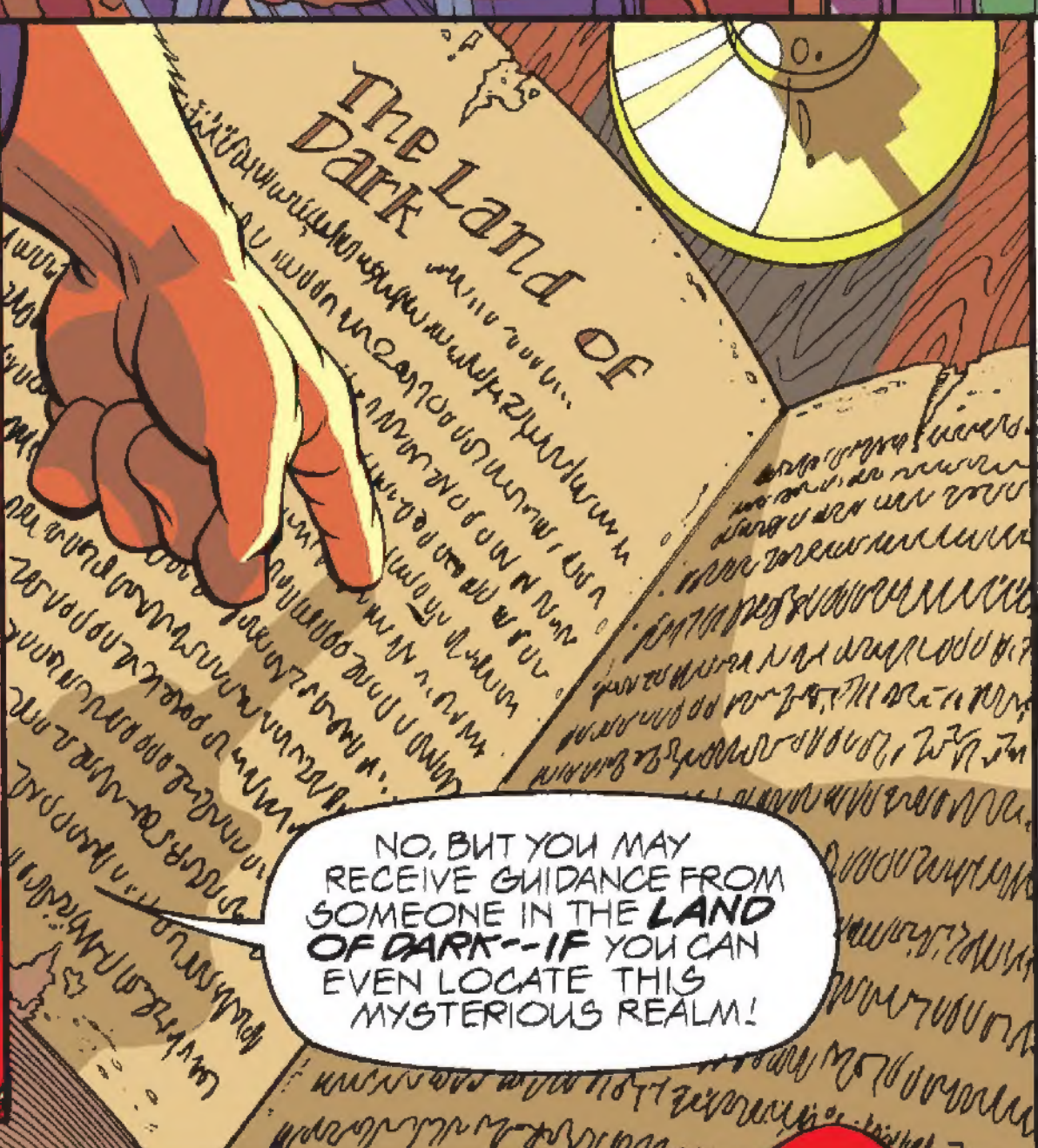
YOU KINDA GAVE **YOUR-SELF** AWAY BY ATTACKING WITH CHILDREN'S BOOGEY MONSTERS!

HA! A TRUE **CHARLATAN** USES BOTH HIS POWERS OF **ILLUSION** AND HIS **IMAGINATION** TO PROTECT HIMSELF!



...AND IN MY YOUTH I ALSO USED THEM IN SERVICE OF THE **KING**!

THEN YOU KNOW WHERE THE ROYAL SWORD IS?

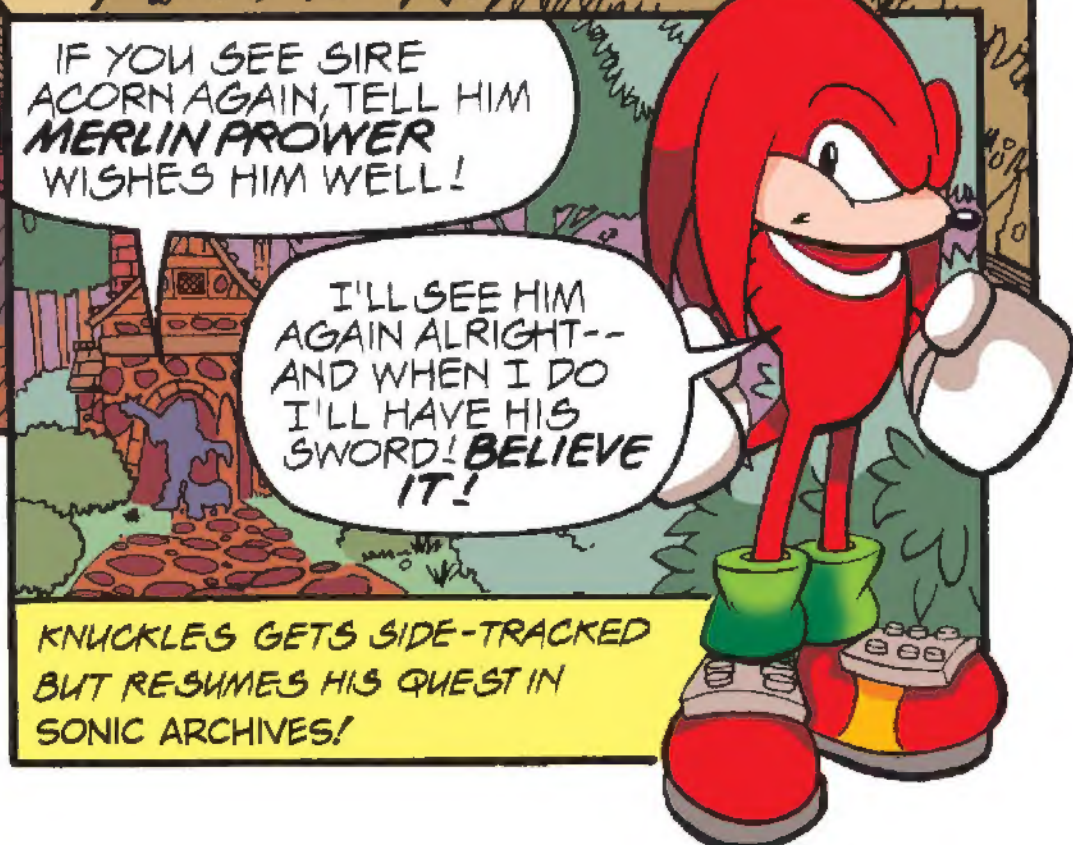


NO, BUT YOU MAY RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM SOMEONE IN THE **LAND OF DARK**--IF YOU CAN EVEN LOCATE THIS MYSTERIOUS REALM!



LOCATE?! YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS? GREAT! JUST GREAT!

SORRY, I WISH YOU LUCK AND A SAFE JOURNEY.



IF YOU SEE SIRE ACORN AGAIN, TELL HIM **MERLIN PROWER** WISHES HIM WELL!

I'LL SEE HIM AGAIN ALRIGHT--AND WHEN I DO I'LL HAVE HIS SWORD! **BELIEVE IT!**

KNUCKLES GETS SIDE-TRACKED BUT RESUMES HIS QUEST IN SONIC ARCHIVES!